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WHEREAS, the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) program was established in the spring of 1992, and on June 15, 1992, the first RSVP Academy graduated with 21 members; and

WHEREAS, since RSVP's inception in 1992, volunteers have been trained to assist the San Diego Police Department as well as the community by acting as the eyes and ears of the police; and

WHEREAS, RSVP representatives assist San Diego Police officers in a variety of ways, including conducting vacation house checks, visiting with elderly and other homebound participants as part of the "You Are Not Alone" program, patrolling shopping centers, assisting in traffic control, distributing flyers advising neighborhoods of burglaries, assisting with lost children and lost Alzheimer's patients, aiding police at store fronts, and providing finger-printing services at police divisions throughout the City and on vehicles that have been broken into; and

WHEREAS, RSVP representatives assist the City of San Diego by spending one hour of each day working with school children, including making presentations to the children and helping them with their studies, and as part of a new program called "For Kids' Sake," through which school children receive morning phone calls encouraging them to attend school; and

WHEREAS, RSVP has graduated an estimated 1,000 senior volunteers, and 510 volunteers currently serve in the program in this, its 10th year; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, hereby commends the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol for

their outstanding record of community service, and recognizes the efforts of RSVP to improve the lives of all San Diegans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, July 29, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PATROL 10th ANNIVERSARY DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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