

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **296903**

ADOPTED ON AUG 05 2002

WHEREAS, Labor Day, is celebrated the first Monday in September and recognizes the economic and social advances of the American worker, paying tribute to the contributions that the American worker has made to the prosperity of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City by the Central Labor Union; and

WHEREAS, Labor Day has been recognized for over 100 years and was officially made a legal holiday on June 28, 1894 by President Grover Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council and its members in building and construction trades, service industries, government employees, public service, agriculture, professional and technical classifications strive on a daily basis through their actions to foster the spirit of Labor Day; and

WHEREAS, the importance of Labor Day is best summarized by the famous words of Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor in 1898 who called it "*. . . the day for which the toilers in past centuries looked forward, when their rights and their wrongs would be discussed. . . . That the workers of our day may not only lay down their tools of labor for a holiday, but upon which they may touch shoulders in marching phalanx and feel the stronger for it. . . .*"; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize the vast contributions that working

people in the City of San Diego have made to better the quality of life and make San Diego America's Finest City, and does hereby proclaim September 2, 2002 to be "Labor Day" in the City of San Diego.

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