

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297023

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WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the fourth hijacked aircraft crashed in southwestern Pennsylvania after passengers tried to take control of the aircraft in order to prevent the hijackers from crashing it into an important symbol of democracy and freedom; and

WHEREAS, these attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, killing thousands of innocent people; and

WHEREAS, the terrorists hoped to demoralize and intimidate Americans by undermining our way of life; and

WHEREAS, instead, Americans became more resolute in their commitment to cherished democratic and humanitarian principles that form the moral foundation of this nation; and

WHEREAS, we should remember September 11th not only as a day of great misfortune, but as a reminder of the great fortune we possess in the character of our people; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we should demonstrate our respect for the victims of this terrible day by commemorating the lives lost and damaged, but we should also honor and celebrate the countless acts of courage, compassion, loyalty, responsibility and other qualities that represent the best in human nature and the American spirit; 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 proclaim September 11, 2002, to be **"PATRIOT DAY"** in San Diego and encourages the people of San Diego to observe a moment of silence on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001.

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