

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297107

ADOPTED ON SEP 24 2002

WHEREAS, 2002 marks the Four Hundred and Sixtieth Anniversary of the European discovery of what is now the West Coast of the United States of America by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo on September 28, 1542; and

WHEREAS, the landing of Cabrillo and his men in San Diego Bay, and his continuing voyage of exploration north along the coast of California, are among the most important chapters in the history of the Americas, and most particularly California; and

WHEREAS, Cabrillo's landing on Ballast Point in San Diego Bay is recognized throughout California as the place where the State of California began; and

WHEREAS, Cabrillo's voyage of exploration was the first contact and exchange between Europeans and San Diego's native peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Cabrillo Festival, under the direction of a committee of civic leaders from the Mexican, Portuguese, Spanish and American communities, commemorates this historic event and San Diego's diverse cultural heritage each September; and

WHEREAS, the year 2002 marks the 39th Anniversary of the internationally known Cabrillo Festival; 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, hereby proclaims September 22 through 29, 2002, to be

“Cabrillo Festival Week” in San Diego and urges our citizens to join in the commemoration of this historic event.

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