

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297179

ADOPTED ON OCT 14 2002

WHEREAS, the US Navy sloop-of-war *Cyane* entered San Diego harbor 29 July 1846;
and

WHEREAS, Comdr. Samuel Francis, Commanding, ordered his Executive Officer Lt. Stephan Rowan and Marine Lt. William Maddox to lead a small band of Marine guards and Sailors ashore where they hoisted a naval ensign and claimed San Diego as United States property; and

WHEREAS, San Diego citizens of the early 20th century caused the establishment of more than a dozen US Navy commands, including the infamous Naval Training Station San Diego, setting San Diego on a path that no other city in the US has experienced to the same levels; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego, its residents, Sailors, Marines, and the US Navy have for more than 150 years, acted in concert resulting in San Diego's development becoming the nations seventh largest city and the world's largest naval complex; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and Sailors that faithfully served the US Navy and the many Naval veterans choosing to remain in San Diego after their naval careers significantly contribute to San Diego's rich culture truly deserve to have San Diego's naval heritage preserved; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Navy Historical Association is dedicated to preserve, exhibit, educate and promote San Diego's Naval Heritage through the establishment of an educational facility and museum at the former Naval Training Center furthering an environment of

coordination and communication among those in the military, business and academic communities and the citizens of San Diego who share a common interest in the history of the US Navy of the greater San Diego area; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and tourists of the greater San Diego community are worthy of someplace where they can learn or reminisce about the history of the sea services in San Diego and to have a central location to house various memorabilia associated with the city's vast naval heritage; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the Citizen's of San Diego, does hereby proclaim October 7, 2002 as "**San Diego Naval Heritage Day**" in the City Of San Diego.

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