

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297180

ADOPTED ON OCT 14 2002

WHEREAS, AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO will be holding its 13th annual event—a 5K walk and 10K run—on October 6, 2002, marking 13 years of hope, caring and compassion for people living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, with the HIV/AIDS epidemic entering its 21st year, HIV infection and AIDS is now the world's most infectious disease and the fourth leading cause of death, killing nearly 22 million people worldwide, including more than 5,000 residents of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, there are over 40 million people living with AIDS, and more than 6,000 of them are San Diego County residents, and as many as 12-15,000 more are estimated to be infected with HIV; and

WHEREAS, HIV is spreading disproportionately among men of color, children and women, and every day an additional San Diego County resident is diagnosed with AIDS; and

WHEREAS, participants in AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO will join together on October 6, 2002, at Sixth Avenue and Quince Street in Balboa Park at 9:00 a.m., to raise funds and awareness for social-service providers and their programs which strive to help prevent HIV infection and support people living with HIV/AIDS in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO is the largest non-governmental financial provider for HIV/AIDS prevention and support services agencies in San Diego County, having

raised over \$735,000 from almost 20,000 walkers last year, and more than \$6 million over the history of the walk; and

WHEREAS, AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO shows its continued leadership by seeking to fund under-funded and un-met needs within the HIV/AIDS community, without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation, age or income; 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 the City of San Diego, does hereby commend the staff, board members, volunteers, sponsors and participants of AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO, for their outstanding service, leadership, commitment and generosity to those living with HIV/AIDS, and encourages all San Diegans to participate in AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO by volunteering, walking, running, or making a donation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that October 6, 2002, is hereby proclaimed to be “**AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO DAY**” in the City of San Diego.

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