

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297196

ADOPTED ON OCT 21 2002

WHEREAS, in October 1981, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence celebrated the "first Day of Unity" for the purpose of uniting battered women's advocates across the nation in an effort to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Family Violence Prevention Fund launched "Work to End Domestic Violence Day" as part of its multi-faceted workplace initiative to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 3 million to 4 million American women are beaten each year by their husbands or partners; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence does not stay at home -- harassment and violence can occur in the workplace and 37 percent of women who experienced domestic violence report that the abuse had an impact on their work performance in the form of lateness, missed work, keeping a job or career promotions; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless is a leader among a growing corporate community that is beginning to address this difficult issue; and

WHEREAS, as a result of HopeLine, and the company's predecessor's phone recycling programs, Verizon Wireless has collected more than 500,000 used wireless phones to benefit domestic violence victims and advocacy groups since 1995; and

WHEREAS, more recently, Verizon Wireless has taken domestic violence prevention to heart by awarding more than \$7 million in grants during the last two years to numerous agencies addressing domestic violence in their community; and

WHEREAS, more recently, Verizon Wireless has been taking domestic violence prevention to heart by awarding more than \$680,000 in grants during the last two years to numerous agencies addressing domestic violence in their community; and

WHEREAS, in February 2001, Verizon Wireless launched the San Diego Domestic Violence Partnership where approximately 4,000 pre-owned wireless phones were collected, and used to help victims of domestic violence through the Verizon Wireless HopeLine program; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless donated 400 digital wireless phones and free airtime, to the City Attorney's Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Unit to ensure the safety of countless women who are threatened by stalking or by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless also mailed information about workplace domestic violence prevention to 4,500 San Diego companies to help them in raising awareness of domestic violence among their employees; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless donated \$30,000 to help sponsor the San Diego Family Justice Center's Medical Forensic Unit; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless, in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and its on-going commitment to help San Diego fight Domestic Violence, has pledged an additional 200 digital wireless phones and free airtime to be distributed to victims of domestic violence and stalking by the City of San Diego's Family Justice Project; 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 recognizes Verizon Wireless as San Diego's Corporate Leader in the Fight Against Domestic Violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 21, 2002 is hereby proclaimed to be "**Work to End Domestic Violence Day**" in the City of San Diego.

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