

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-297215

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WHEREAS, in 1989 People for Trees was created to promote public involvement and support in urban forest ecosystem development; and

WHEREAS, People for Trees was the first urban forestry program established in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, People for Trees has had several members that have contributed immensely to the organization; and

WHEREAS, Laura Li Mandri is one such member who has devoted countless hours to the organization; and

WHEREAS, Laura has advocated for sensitive land use planning, tree enhancement projects in business district corridors, and an increase in the tree canopy of school and park sites; and

WHEREAS, Laura has been integrally involved with the Mayor's Tree Advisory Board and Mayor Murphy's "Tree Initiative;" and

WHEREAS, as President, Laura created an action plan which included merging the duties of executive director and board president into an unpaid position for three years; and

WHEREAS, under Laura's leadership, People for Trees was expanded to address the use of trees for phytoremediation of contaminated sites, creating biotic value-enhancing aesthetics in public and privately owned property, maintenance of the trees planted, and developing a multi-cultural training and education program for urban forestry disciplines; and

WHEREAS, during Laura's tenure as President of the Board of Directors for People for Trees, over 35,000 trees have been planted throughout the greater San Diego area; and

WHEREAS, People for Trees reached a milestone when Laura announced the award of \$10,000 Proposition 12 Grant, and a \$50,000 "Can You Dig It Grant" from the California Department of Forestry, Region Energy Office Grant, in excess of \$100,000, and \$75,000 in CDBG Funds from various Council District Offices and County Supervisor Offices; and

WHEREAS, Laura's leadership and tireless commitment to People for Trees has resulted in great gains with the development of the City's urban canopy; 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 October 12, 2002 to be "**Laura Li Mandri Day**" in the City of San Diego.

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