

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 207216

ADOPTED ON OCT 21 2002

WHEREAS, maintaining and improving water quality is essential to protect public health, fisheries, wildlife, and watersheds, and to ensure abundant opportunities for public recreation and economic development in the City of San Diego;

WHEREAS, San Diego's beaches, bays, rivers and wetlands are an invaluable resource, and it is the responsibility of the government and all citizens to provide and protect clean water for ourselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, raw sewage discharges still flow through communities across the United States including San Diego; and

WHEREAS, toxic pollution continues to plague our lakes, rivers, aquifers and coastal areas and threatens public health and the health of aquatic habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act is the primary federal law that protects our nation's waters, including lake, rivers, wetlands, aquifers, coastal areas and wetlands, and seeks to ensure Americans will enjoy clean water that is safe for swimming, fishing and all beneficial uses; and

WHEREAS, the quality of our waters has improved dramatically as a result of cooperative efforts by federal, state, tribal and local governments to implement the pollution control programs established in 1972 by the Clean Water Act as well as tireless efforts by other non-governmental organizations and citizens; and

WHEREAS, serious water pollution problems still persist throughout San Diego and California and significant challenges lie ahead in the effort to protect water resources from point source and nonpoint sources of pollution including raw sewage discharges, and in the effort to clean up those water resources that are impaired; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act continues to provide a clear path for clean water and a solid foundation for an effective national clean water program; and


WHEREAS, enforcement of the Clean Water Act is tantamount to realization of the goals of fishable -swimmable waters for all; and

WHEREAS, the 30th Anniversary of the enactment of the Clean Water Act in October 2002 is a prime opportunity to recommit to meeting the goals of the Clean Water Act; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that October 18, 2002 be and is hereby proclaimed to be “**CLEAN WATER ACT DAY**” in the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego recommits to the goals of the Clean Water Act by implementing the Municipal Stormwater Permit and does hereby commend the CLEAN WATER NETWORK for their dedication to ensuring that the goals and policies of the Clean Water Act are achieved.

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