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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297222
ADOPTED ON OCT 21 2002

WHEREAS, the USS San Diego Memorial Association was established in 1999 to inform San Diegans of the remarkable record of the USS San Diego CL 53 and her crew during World War II; and

WHEREAS, the keel of USS San Diego CL 53 was laid in March 1940, at the Bethlehem Steel Shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts, and christened in July 1941 by Grace Benbough, wife of the former San Diego Mayor Percy Benbough; and

WHEREAS, the ship, commissioned on January 10, 1942, at the Boston Navy Yard, joined the Pacific Fleet and entered the combat zone and the Battle for Guadalcanal in August 1942; and

WHEREAS, in the following thirty-seven months, the light antiaircraft cruiser USS San Diego engaged the enemy thirty-four times plus many separate torpedo, aerial and kamikaze attacks, and miraculously, USS San Diego never lost a man to enemy action; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 1945, USS San Diego received the honor of being the first victorious American warship to enter Tokyo Bay; and


WHEREAS, the USS San Diego Memorial Association will honor the ship and her crew by erecting a permanent Memorial at the foot of Broadway at Broadway Pier in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego appreciates the efforts of the USS San Diego Memorial Association for their services to the nation; 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, does hereby proclaim October 21, 2002, to be "USS SAN
DIEGO MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION DAY" in San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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