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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297224

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WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that lead poisoning is one of the most common, preventable pediatric health problems in this country; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning, which crosses all barriers of race, income, and geography, and can cause serious harm to children, including learning difficulties, behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, the October 2002 Housing Survey, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, has estimated that 25% of the nations' housing (equivalent to 24 million housing units) have significant lead-based paint hazards in the form of deteriorated paint, dust lead, or bare soil lead; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of San Diego and Councilmember Ralph Inzunza have allocated \$200,000 in Community Development Block Funds for a pilot program in the Sherman Heights community to identify and remove lead paint hazards in five homes; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has developed a new program called Lead Safe Neighborhoods Program in April 2002 to help eliminate lead hazards in San Diego housing and achieve both the Mayor's goal of making San Diego America's safest city and Councilmember Donna Frye's goal of a city-wide lead poison prevention program; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has created a Lead Poison Prevention Citizen's Advisory Taskforce to develop a comprehensive lead hazard ordinance and provide recommendations for an effective Lead Safe Neighborhoods Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department has developed lead related training programs for landlords and contractors to ensure San Diego's housing is free from lead hazards, as well as a lead information phone line; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department has created a City Agency Lead Working Group that brings together all agencies working in our community in the area of lead poisoning prevention to collaborate on ideas to prevent lead poisoning and to maximize available resources; 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 that the week of October 21, 2002, to be **"LEAD POISONING AWARENESS WEEK"** in San Diego and commend the participants of the City's Lead Poison Prevention Advisory Taskforce and the Environmental Services Department in working towards the goal of eliminating lead hazards from the housing in San Diego.

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