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WHEREAS, San Diego State University (SDSU) has been an outstanding educational institution since its inception as a teaching college in 1897; and

WHEREAS, currently with 34,000 students, SDSU is the largest university in San Diego and the second largest in California, making it a true powerhouse for the region; and

WHEREAS, SDSU has long played a paramount role in the growth and vitality of San Diego by enriching our region's economic, civic and cultural realms through the actions of its graduates; and

WHEREAS, SDSU alumni are a large part of the San Diego region, and of the university's 188,328 alumni, 133,959 live in California, including 87,187 alumni in San Diego county; and

WHEREAS, SDSU alumni are the leaders of industry, culture, education and government; and

WHEREAS, SDSU supplies nearly two-thirds of the region's teachers, a majority of the nurses with bachelor's degrees and half of the engineers; and

WHEREAS, SDSU enhances the quality of all levels of education in San Diego, kindergarten through high school, college and beyond through programs such as the City Heights Educational Pilot and the Foundation for Math and Science Education; and

WHEREAS, SDSU ranked No. 10 in the nation for degrees awarded to minorities, according to *Black Issues in Higher Education* and each year SDSU is among the nation's top-10

schools for Hispanic graduates; and

WHEREAS, SDSU is celebrating its student, alumni and business partnerships in San Diego by recognizing March 2003 as a time for acknowledging the many links between the university and the community; 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 recognize the commitment to San Diego State University and hereby proclaims March 2003 to be "San Diego State University Month" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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