

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297259

ADOPTED ON NOV 12 2002

WHEREAS, Ms. Peggy Cooper was born to Kenneth and Sarah Newby in Lebanon, Kentucky, in 1957; and

WHEREAS, she comes from a large and loving family, being the sixth of eight children, and was raised in the Bluegrass farmlands of Springfield, Kentucky ; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Peggy Cooper attended Washington County High School where she was actively involved in social and civic organizations and was honored by the faculty body as the “Best All Around Student”; and

WHEREAS, she continued her education at Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee, and ran track under the leadership of the late Wilma Rudolph; and

WHEREAS, she married her childhood sweetheart, Mr. George Cooper, and in 1984, relocated to San Diego and since then, they have been blessed with two beautiful daughters, Brooke and Joi, who are both attending college; and

WHEREAS, she was employed by former United States Congressman Jim Bates, where she worked as Administrative Assistant to George Stevens and, in 1991, was appointed Special Assistant for Protocol and Office Manager by San Diego City Councilman George Stevens; and

WHEREAS, as Special Assistant for Protocol, her high caliber and strong public skills have given her the opportunity to interact with many corporate and community leaders in San Diego as well as with national dignitaries throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Peggy Cooper serves on the Hal and Tina Lewis McDonald’s Avail

Scholarship Selection Board, Advisory Board for the NAACP San Diego Chapter and the George Stevens Youth Foundation; and

WHEREAS, she has personally raised over \$242,000 over the last three years for the NAACP San Diego Chapter; \$20,000 to resurface the tennis courts at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park; \$150,000 for the Malcolm X Bust and art display located at the Malcolm X Library; funding for the Shona Art and Kimbrough Art at the Tubman Chavez Building; and over \$70,000 for special events and functions held in the community and thousands of dollars for youth to attend colleges throughout the country; 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 commends Ms. Peggy Cooper for her dedication and commitment to the City of San Diego

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NOVEMBER 12, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"MS. PEGGY COOPER DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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