

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297365

ADOPTED ON NOV 25 2002

WHEREAS, San Diego's long-term prosperity depends on its ability to produce a regional workforce that meets the needs of a growing economy; and

WHEREAS, entry-level employees too often lack the basic work-readiness skills they need to be successful in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, the importance of skill building is even more important given the region's concentration of technology clusters; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation has responded to this critical need by developing *Corporate Leaders Advocating Success Skills* (CLASS), a program that uses business volunteers to teach work-readiness skills to "at-risk" high school students; and

WHEREAS, EDC has recruited over 100 volunteers from our region's companies who are teaching or have taught an eight-week session of one-hour classes; and

WHEREAS, CLASS volunteers share their professional experiences and give the students "real world" examples; and

WHEREAS, CLASS volunteers help their students create resumes and participate in mock job interviews; and

WHEREAS, CLASS has already impacted nearly 600 students at high schools in the City of San Diego and will reach an additional 600 students during the current academic year; 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 November 25, 2002, to be "**CLASS DAY**" in the City of San Diego in appreciation of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation CLASS program volunteers' efforts to help high school students in our city.

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