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WHEREAS, our nation was founded 226 years ago by men and women of vision and courage who dedicated themselves to the principles of freedom, justice and liberty; and

WHEREAS, it is these principles which enable us as a country to embrace the unique cultures and beliefs of our fellow citizens and to enjoy the benefits an blessings of a democratic society; and

WHEREAS, September 11, 2001 reminds us that it is the responsibility of every American to protect and conserve these principles and to pass them onto future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we, as American citizens, are compelled to acknowledge the powerful role that our religious heritage has played in our development as a country and that we should continue to seek God's blessing; and

WHEREAS, God Bless America Week offers our citizens an opportunity to express love of country and support of our Armed Forces by showing honor to the flag and otherwise demonstrating their patriotism to our country; and

WHEREAS, November 24 through 30, 2002 will mark the second annual "God Bless America Week" in the City of San Diego; 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 proclaims November 24 through 30, 2002 as "GOD"

BLESS AMERICA WEEK" in the City of San Diego, and encourages all people to express their gratitude and appreciation for the freedoms that we enjoy as American citizens.

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