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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297442

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WHEREAS, the not-for-profit Zoological Society of San Diego is a unique organization which engages in conservation and research work around the globe while managing the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Wild Animal Park for the children of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the Zoological Society is an internationally known conservation organization which enjoys the support of more than 250,000 member households from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, currently the Zoological Society of San Diego is renovating the eight decades old San Diego Zoo by expanding animal enclosures to create naturalistic environments, and as part of this ongoing process the Zoo is building the first phase of the new Heart of the Zoo with improved enclosures for animals such as orangutans, siamangs, flamingos; and

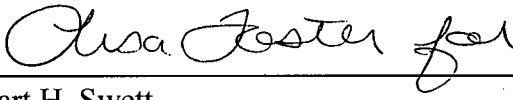
WHEREAS, the Zoological Society, through the auspices of the San Diego Wild Animal Park, has been one of three zoological organizations involved in the recovery program for the endangered California Condor and one of two with condors on exhibit, and the Wild Animal Park is supporting the recent release of this endangered species into Baja California; and

WHEREAS, with an eye towards the future survival of endangered species on the brink of extinction, the Zoological Society pioneered the establishment of the "Frozen Zoo", a library of genetic information about such species, and continues to be on the cutting edge of new technologies which may assist conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Zoological Society of San Diego is involved in world-wide conservation efforts by adding fellowships for international conservation and research on endangered species in Africa, China, the southwestern United States, South America and the Pacific and Caribbean Islands; 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 animal conservation and hereby proclaims December 9, 2002 as "**San Diego Zoological Society Day.**"

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