

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297488

ADOPTED ON DEC 09 2002

WHEREAS, the San Diego SunFire Women's Professional Football team has made a commitment to providing an outlet for women athletes who play for the love of the game; and

WHEREAS, Donna Fox, founder and General Manager of the San Diego SunFire, established a non-profit organization called Gridiron Girls, Inc. dedicated to promoting American style football to girls and women and created San Diego's first Women's Flag Football league; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego SunFire in conjunction with the Gridiron Girls, Inc. has developed programs for young girls to teach them football skills, team rules, and game play; and

WHEREAS, studies have concluded that girls' participation in sports enhances body image, self-esteem, confidence, and scholastic performance; and

WHEREAS, since 1972 the number of high school girls playing sports has grown from 4 percent to more than 40 percent; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego SunFire has had an exceptional record and will be honored with hosting the Women's Football Championship game in 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 does hereby proclaim December 14, 2002 to be "**San Diego**

SunFire Day” in the City of San Diego and does hereby commend Donna Fox for her efforts as the founder and General Manager of the San Diego SunFire Women’s Professional Football team.

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