

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297506

ADOPTED ON JAN 07 2003

WHEREAS, the *Gay & Lesbian Times* published its first issue on Friday, January 1, 1988, and for the past 15 years has provided Southern California's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) community with a valuable source of news, information and life-sustaining resources; and

WHEREAS, the *Gay & Lesbian Times* has provided objective and balanced coverage of issues affecting the lives of GLBT San Diegans, serving as a conduit for the promotion of tolerance by supporting legislation important to the GLBT community, and assisting with the election of San Diego's first openly GLBT public official and other candidates who are dedicated to the principals of equality and fairness for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the *Gay & Lesbian Times* has worked to promote diversity in San Diego, covering a wide array of issues that affect every member of the local GLBT community; and

WHEREAS, the *Gay & Lesbian Times* has served as a vital source of clear, accurate information for those coming to terms with their sexual orientation or seeking crucial guidance in the process; and

WHEREAS, the *Gay & Lesbian Times* has actively encouraged, promoted and facilitated participation in healthy activities in the local community, donating more than \$1.5 million in advertising to community organizations including AIDS Walk, Mama's Kitchen, Stepping Stone, and The Center, which has served to bring in grants, donations and volunteers that help keep these vital nonprofit organizations alive; and

WHEREAS, the *Gay & Lesbian Times* wrote the first check for a campaign that helped establish San Diego's Human Dignity Ordinance, which helps protect members of the GLBT community from discrimination; and

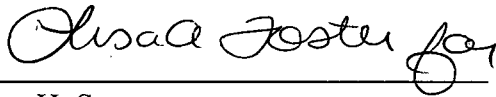
WHEREAS, the *Gay & Lesbian Times* received the Founders Award from Ordinary Miracles and the 25th Anniversary Award from the LGBT Center for its ongoing support; and

WHEREAS, the *Gay & Lesbian Times* has continually set the highest standards for media coverage, receiving numerous awards and recognition, including an award from the National Conference for Community and Justice for "advancing positive human relations for excellence in communications," as well as two awards in 2002 from the San Diego Press Club for "Best News Story" and for "Best Feature Story" in the non-daily news category; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the 15th anniversary of the *GAY & LESBIAN TIMES*, and commends them for their continued service to San Diego's GLBT community and commitment to journalistic excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, January 7, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "*GAY & LESBIAN TIMES DAY*" in the City of San Diego.

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