

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297616

ADOPTED ON FEB 10 2003

WHEREAS, United States Marine Corps Sergeant John Basilone was an American War hero during World War II where he demonstrated a continuous will to fight and an ability to inspire his fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, during the battle of Guadalcanal in the Pacific, and during every battle in which he fought, Sergeant Basilone defied the odds and was victorious for the American people while saving the lives of his fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Basilone returned from battle and became the first enlisted Marine in World War II to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism and bravery in combat; and

WHEREAS, after achieving the Medal of Honor, Sergeant John Basilone volunteered to return to combat in the war; and

WHEREAS, on D-Day, February 19, 1945, in Iwo Jima, Japan, Sergeant Basilone was killed while leading his men in battle; and

WHEREAS, after his death on D-Day, Sergeant Basilone was awarded the Navy Cross, our nation's second highest award for heroism in battle; and


WHEREAS, Sergeant Basilone exemplified the courageous actions of our Marines in battle and is one of the legends of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego should support Major Barry Ferich in his effort to secure the issuance of a commemorative stamp by the United States Post Office in honor of United States Marine Corps Sergeant John Basilone; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby honor the memory of Marine Corps Sergeant John Basilone and urges the United States Post Office to issue a commemorative stamp for this heroic man, so that his memory will live on and continue to inspire future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council does hereby proclaim February 19, 2003, to be "**JOHN BASILONE DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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