

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297713

ADOPTED ON MAR 17 2003

WHEREAS, the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, named after American aviation pioneer Major Reuben H. Fleet, opened its doors on March 10, 1973, becoming Southern California's first science center, and featuring the world's first IMAX dome theater, thus beginning a tradition of rich and fun science education in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, since opening, the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center has grown to over 10,000 members and welcomed over 17 million people through its doors, it has shown over 75 IMAX films and hosted over 20 traveling exhibitions, and has created three of its own permanent collections; and

WHEREAS, after expanding in 1998, the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center now includes five exhibit galleries and two state-of-the-art classrooms; the Little Learners Lab for children ages 2-6; the Community Forum, a multi-purpose facility for lectures, meetings and social functions; and the Entry Rotunda, featuring a Ticket Counter, Galileo's Café and the North Star Science Store. Additionally, in 1999, the facility added METEOR STORM, a virtual reality experience, and began work on TechnoVation, a permanent yet evolving exhibition of San Diego's achievements in science and technology that features the achievements of local companies; and


WHEREAS, the mission of the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center is to inspire life-long learning by furthering the public's understanding and enjoyment of science and technology; and

WHEREAS, the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center will celebrate its 30th anniversary throughout the month of March 2003, with special activities including an IMAX Film Festival, a new retrospective exhibit on the science center's history, an interactive party and fund-raiser, giveaways, discounts, contests, and a special birthday party on March 10; **NOW THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center for its efforts to make science interesting, accessible and fun, and heartily congratulates the Fleet Science Center on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that March 10, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER 30TH ANNIVERSARY DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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