

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297737

ADOPTED ON MAR 24 2003

WHEREAS, on the night of January 21, 1995, fourteen-year-old Tony Hicks fatally shot twenty-year-old Tariq Khamisa, resulting in the conviction of Tony Hicks to thirty-seven years in prison; and

WHEREAS, Tariq's father, Azim Khamisa, a San Diego businessman, and Ples Felix, Tony Hick's grandfather and a City of San Diego employee, joined together to start a foundation in San Diego in honor of Tariq; and

WHEREAS, the Tariq Khamisa Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to "stopping children from killing children" and breaking the cycle of youth violence; and

WHEREAS, the Tariq Khamisa Foundation sponsors the Violence Impact Forum, which is a unique program designed for students in the fourth to seventh grades to learn about the consequences of violence, the realities of gangs and prison life, and the work of the foundation; and

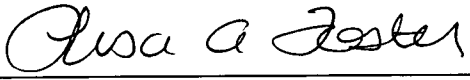
WHEREAS, the Violence Impact Forum has been presented to thousands of elementary and middle school students in San Diego County, with the hope to reach youth who are at greatest risk for violence; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of forgiveness displayed in the relationship of Azim Khamisa and Ples Felix, and the Tariq Khamisa Foundation has inspired numerous San Diegans to work to reduce youth violence; 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 Tariq Khamisa Foundation for its outstanding efforts to combat and reduce youth violence in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that March 24, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be  
"TARIQ KHAMISA DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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