

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297739

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WHEREAS, San Diego Project Heart Beat, San Diego's Public Access Defibrillation Program, is on the forefront in promoting and establishing the use of AED's or Automatic External Defibrillators through a regional coalition in San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the leading cause of death in the United States is sudden cardiac arrest, which causes more than 465,000 deaths each year; and the most common cause of sudden cardiac arrest occurs when the heart's electrical impulses become irregular and the heart is unable to pump oxygen-rich blood throughout the body; and

WHEREAS, Defibrillation delivered by a safe, effective, and easy to use device called an AED sends an electrical current through an erratic heart to restore organized rhythm; and

WHEREAS, AED's are designed to be used by non-medical personnel and feature one-button operation with clear voice directions and automatic analysis, enabling a person with minimal training to use the device; and

WHEREAS, the key to surviving sudden cardiac arrest is the speed of response - a victim receiving a shock from an AED within one minute stands a 90 percent chance of resuscitation, while a victim having to wait ten minutes for a shock may only have a 5 percent chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Project Heart Beat, its partners, and program participants have been instrumental in the installation of more than 600 AED's in the past year at City facilities, County facilities, schools and universities, sports and entertainment facilities, office buildings, businesses, industries, places of worship, and homes; and


WHEREAS, within the past year, San Diego Project Heart Beat has saved and provided a quality of life to seven individuals; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Project Heart Beat's goal is for every community within the County of San Diego to have AED's as accessible as fire extinguishers; and

WHEREAS, it is also the goal of San Diego Project Heart Beat to have every graduating senior within our city and county schools trained in CPR and AED use and to make San Diego the heart safest county in the USA by providing AED's to wherever lives can be saved; 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 and salute San Diego Project Heart Beat and its partners in their dedication to saving lives.

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