

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297770

ADOPTED ON MAR 24 2003

WHEREAS, FERN STREET CIRCUS was founded in 1990 by theater director/musician John Highkin and visual artist/teacher Cindy Zimmerman as a theatrical and educational circus ensemble which exists to explore circus arts as a narrative form, utilize circus arts performance and instruction as means of community-making, and create a humane workplace and collaborative atmosphere for artists of the many disciplines which comprise the circus arts; and

WHEREAS, FERN STREET CIRCUS provides a forum in which children and their families can enjoy memorable occasions in which they interact with each other and other families in a context of public, civic life, where boundaries of language and economic power are erased, and where witness is borne to our sameness and respect is held for our differences; and

WHEREAS, each year FERN STREET CIRCUS provides entertainment throughout the year for a variety of community programs and corporate events tailored to the visitor industry, and each year creates a new and spectacular circus show featuring San Diego's best professional circus and variety artists in a simple and whimsical setting, which features acrobatics, dance, and spectacle driven by original music performed by a live band, and which mixes adult artists with teens and children taught in an after-school program; and

WHEREAS, since 1993, FERN STREET CIRCUS has taught circus skills in their After-School Circus Skills Program at the Golden Hill Recreation Center, including trapeze, acrobatics, juggling, clowning, stilt-walking, and wire-walking free of charge to students ranging from six

year olds to teens to young adults who share the desire to learn circus skills first-hand from working artists; and

WHEREAS, 2003 marks the 10th Anniversary of the FERN STREET CIRCUS After-School Circus Skills Program, which will be marked by a celebration at the Golden Hill Recreation Center on March 17, 2003; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the FERN STREET CIRCUS for its outstanding contributions to the community through the circus arts, and heartily congratulates them on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of its After-School Circus Skills Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that March 17, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"FERN STREET CIRCUS AFTER-SCHOOL CIRCUS SKILLS PROGRAM 10TH ANNIVERSARY DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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