

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297801

ADOPTED ON APR 01 2003

WHEREAS, we strive to live in communities where everyone is free from persecution and harassment based upon ethnicity, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and physical or mental ability; and

WHEREAS, in order to eliminate the occurrence of hate crimes in San Diego, it is important that San Diegans respond with a message of tolerance and understanding; and

WHEREAS, to help combat and prevent hate crimes and related propaganda, the San Diego Regional Hate Crimes Coalition, a locally-based organization of law enforcement officials and community activists, is sponsoring a countywide hate crimes initiative, called "US vs. HATE: Building Unity in the Community"; and

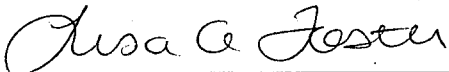
WHEREAS, the goals of the "US vs. HATE" program are to lend support to hate crime victims and encourage them to report crimes, to raise awareness and educate children and adults alike, and to foster community unity and support against hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Regional Hate Crimes Coalition will be launching the "US vs. HATE" program on April 2, 2003, and will be reaching out to community organizations and San Diegans to create a unified voice saying no to hate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby commend the San Diego Regional Hate Crimes Coalition and joins in its effort to raise awareness and combat hate in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 2, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be
"US VS. HATE DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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