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WHEREAS, mingei is a special word increasingly used throughout the world for "arts of the people," coined by the late scholar Dr. Soetsu Yanagi through the combination of the Japanese words for "all people" (min) and "art" (gei); and

WHEREAS, the Founder and Director of Mingei International, Martha Longenecker, Professor of Art Emeritus at San Diego State University, is an artist craftsman who studied the art of pottery making in Japan, and became a student of the founders and leaders of the Mingei Association of Japan, who inspired her to carry the world vision of mingei to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mingei International in San Diego was incorporated in 1974 as a nonprofit, public foundation dedicated to furthering the understanding of art of people from all cultures of the world, and the organization built and established the Museum of World Folk Art in University Towne Centre in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in August 1996, Mingei International opened a new, state-of-the-art museum in Balboa Park's House of Charm, and now hosts changing exhibitions which focus on traditional and contemporary folk art, craft and design; and


WHEREAS, May 5, 2003, marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of Mingei International Museum, which, over the past 25 years, has organized and presented 109 major art exhibitions, and these exhibitions, along with its many documentary publications and video productions, are the heart of the museum's education program; and

WHEREAS, a gala 25th anniversary celebration is planned at Mingei International Museum in Balboa Park on Friday, May 2, 2003; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that Mingei International Museum be congratulated on its 25th anniversary and commended for its efforts to increase the understanding and appreciation of international art of the people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 5, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY 25th ANNIVERSARY DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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