

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298031

ADOPTED ON JUN 03 2003

WHEREAS, the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater in Balboa Park has long provided delightful entertainment for children through puppetry; and

WHEREAS, the theater is located in Balboa Park's Palisades Building, designed by noted architect Richard Requa and constructed for the 1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition; and

WHEREAS, the 234-seat theater became known as The Puppet Theater in 1947, and the first public performance was a marionette show given by Marie Hitchcock and her sister, Genevieve Engman; and

WHEREAS, the sisters performed shows at the theater every June, July and August as well as October and December until 1963 when Genevieve was no longer able to perform; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the theater was named after Marie Hitchcock, who continued performing there until her death in 1994 at the age of 82, and was known throughout San Diego as "The Puppet Lady"; and

WHEREAS, 2003 marks the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater's 55th year of providing fun and wholesome family entertainment for children of all ages through puppetry, including marionettes, hand, rod, and shadow puppets; and

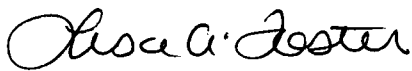
WHEREAS, the theater is now administered by San Diego's Balboa Park Puppet Guild, which schedules performances year-round, and sponsors guest artists, puppet workshops and meetings, and is open to amateurs as well as seasoned professionals; and

WHEREAS, a tribute to Marie Hitchcock, an interactive and educational show entitled "Big Joe Salutes Marie Hitchcock," will be performed at the theater from May 21-May 24, 2003, to honor San Diego's famous "Puppet Lady" using some of her well known puppets; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego does hereby recognize and honor the late Marie Hitchcock for bringing joy to the children of San Diego, and heartily congratulates San Diego's Balboa Park Puppet Guild on the 55th anniversary of the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 22, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"MARIE HITCHCOCK PUPPET THEATER 55TH ANNIVERSARY DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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