

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298139

ADOPTED ON JUN 30 2003

WHEREAS, the San Diego Regional Fire and Rescue Helicopter Program is a new initiative of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department to provide aerial fire fighting and emergency services to the San Diego County region through the operation of a Bell 212HP Fire and Rescue Helicopter; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Regional Fire and Rescue Helicopter Program received funding in 2002 from the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (S.A.F.E.), the Office of former Councilman Byron Wear, and San Diego County to operate a 90-day pilot program to test the value of a fire and rescue helicopter in fighting fires and supporting rescue activities in San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the fire and rescue helicopter went on 45 emergency calls during the pilot program and saved several homes and properties from fire damage and spared the region from significant loss; and

WHEREAS, the success of the pilot program encouraged the Fire-Rescue Department to undertake a community-wide fund-raising campaign to secure funding for a second season for the Regional Fire and Rescue Helicopter Program; and

WHEREAS, eight organizations and individuals answered the call for support and generously donated funds to help operate a fire and rescue helicopter during the 2003 fire season; and


WHEREAS, these very important donors and sponsors include S.A.F.E, Scripps Health, the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Indians, Goodrich Corporation, Isolair, Spectrolab, and Norman and Jean Levi; and

WHEREAS, the Fire-Rescue Department is proud to announce that due to the help of these generous supporters the Regional Fire and Rescue Helicopter Program will return for a 120-day seasonal program beginning on July 1, 2003; 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 honor the donors and sponsors of the Regional Fire and Rescue Helicopter Program and thank them for their outstanding support of the San Diego community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that July 1, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **“REGIONAL FIRE AND RESCUE HELICOPTER PROGRAM DAY”** in the City of San Diego.

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