

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298165

ADOPTED ON JUL 14 2003

WHEREAS, San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn has established a Prosecutor of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this Award acknowledges and rewards the Deputy City Attorney whose professional accomplishments and abilities and whose contributions to the community best demonstrate and fulfill the mission of the Criminal Division of the San Diego City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Criminal Division is to protect the safety and quality of life of the people of San Diego by intervening to stop criminal conduct at the misdemeanor level; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Division provides legal services to the public with professionalism, integrity, and excellence, focusing on (1) aggressive, just, and effective prosecution; (2) early intervention and proactive lawyering; and (3) promoting public awareness of legal issues affecting the people of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the award recipient for the 2003 Prosecutor of the Year Award, Makini Hammond, has been selected from an outstanding list of nominees; and

WHEREAS, Makini distinguished herself working in the areas of juvenile justice and minority business development in her hometown of South Bend, Indiana, before eventually relocating to San Diego and attending the Thomas Jefferson School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Makini was hired as a Deputy City Attorney in June of 1986; and since 1989, has specialized in drug and nuisance abatement prosecutions in the City's Drug Abatement Response Team [DART]; and

WHEREAS, Makini is a pioneer in community prosecution using civil drug and nuisance abatement statutes in an aggressive, proactive approach that focuses on permanently abating narcotic and nuisance activity in neighborhoods and communities plagued with such crime; and

WHEREAS, Makini is committed to working with neighborhood residents, organizations, and businesses to improve the quality of life in communities adversely affected by such crime and nuisance activity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to permanently abating countless drug and prostitution-infested properties within the city of San Diego, Makini filed the City's first gang abatement case in November 1998, which helped to successfully reduce violent gang crime in the Lincoln Park community; and

WHEREAS, Makini has successfully prosecuted "brownbag" cases, which involved the sale of crack cocaine smoking kits by local merchants who by selling such goods actively profited from the drug addiction in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Makini has developed relationships and successfully partnered with the Mayor and City Council Offices, the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the San Diego Police Department, San Diego State University, and countless other groups with an interest in enhancing the quality of life for San Diegans; and

WHEREAS, Makini is a member of the City Attorney's Hiring Committee, a member of the Executive Committee of the Weed and Seed Federal Initiative, a member of the

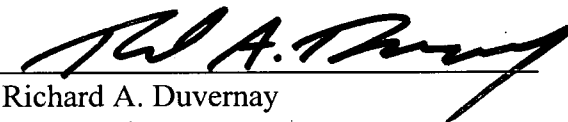
Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, and Vice President of the Board of Directors of Comprehensive Health Center, Inc., a community clinic in southeastern San Diego for low-income residents;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby recognizes and commends Makini M. Hammond on the occasion of her selection by San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn as the recipient of the 2003 Prosecutor of the Year Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Monday, July 14, 2003, is hereby proclaimed to be **“MAKINI M. HAMMOND DAY”** in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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