

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298190

ADOPTED ON JUL 14 2003

WHEREAS, in July 1866, the United States Congress passed legislation establishing two cavalry and four infantry regiments made up of African-Americans which included former slaves, freemen, and Black Civil War soldiers; and later became known as the "Buffalo Soldiers" because of the Native Americans' respect for their bravery and valor; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Soldiers of the U.S. Army were charged with and responsible for escorting settlers, cattle herds, railroad crews, and also conducted campaigns against American Indian tribes on a western frontier that extended from Montana in the Northwest to Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona in the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Soldiers participated in many other military campaigns: The Spanish American War, The Philippine Insurrection, The Mexican Expedition, World War I, and World War II; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers was co-founded by Mr. Vincent C. Lemons, President, and Mr. Dorsie Davis, Treasurer, on August 2, 2002, with fourteen troopers and has grown to a membership totaling nearly fifty members; and


WHEREAS, the purpose and mission of the San Diego chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers is to provide opportunities for present and former service members, and to perpetuate the memory of comrades who have passed on the history of the many accomplishments of the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry Regiments; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers is committed to educating the youth in our communities regarding the contributions of African-Americans in the service of our country, and to foster patriotism, courage, and self-reliance in our youth by encouraging the study of military history and supporting the Junior and Senior ROTC; 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, does hereby honor the unsurpassed courage and patriotism of the Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th and 10th Cavalries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that July 14, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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