

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298211

ADOPTED ON JUL 21 2003

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender San Diegans are commemorating their community's rich history of courage, spirit, achievement, and activism by organizing the 29th annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride celebration, this year under the banner of "Charting Our Future: Freedom, Equality, Justice"; and

WHEREAS, this year's event, held the weekend of July 25 through July 27, and featuring a rally, parade and festival, promises to be the biggest and brightest celebration to date, with an estimated attendance of more than 200,000 people at the weekend's activities; and

WHEREAS, each year the rally, parade and festival—the largest annual civic event in San Diego—draw an ever-increasing number of San Diegans and visitors to Hillcrest and Balboa Park, with more than 100,000 exuberant spectators lining the parade route along University and Sixth avenues; and

WHEREAS, this year, former National Football League player Esera Tuaolo is being honored as National Grand Marshal; and in honor of their commitment to San Diego's LGBT community, longtime activist Jess San Roque and San Diego District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis are being honored as the 2003 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Parade Community Grand Marshals; Jess Durfee and Franko Guillen have been named "Champions of Pride";


Senator Dede Alpert, Marie "Mama Wheels" Munoz, and Linda Bessemer have been named as San Diego Pride's "Friends of the Year"; V.A.G.I.N.A. (Vibrant Activist Grrls Invoking National Attention) will receive the Stonewall Service Award; and Caryn "Ren" Petty and Brenda Watson will be honored with San Diego Pride Community Service Awards; and

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have made valuable contributions in areas that include business and commerce, arts and culture, the military, community volunteerism and leadership, religion, medicine, law, athletics, civil rights; and education, and they continue to lead the larger community in addressing and remedying the many problems posed by issues such as the HIV/AIDS pandemic, hate crimes, and discrimination; 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 the many civic contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community in San Diego, and encourages all people to share in the pride of our City's diverse citizenry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the week of July 21 to 27, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER PRIDE WEEK**" in the City of San Diego.

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