

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298212

ADOPTED ON JUL 21 2003

WHEREAS, the National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ) San Diego is a human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry, and racism in America; and

WHEREAS, through advocacy, conflict resolution, and education, NCCJ seeks to promote understanding and respect within the City of San Diego, which is composed of people of different ethnicities, cultures, ages, genders, religious beliefs, sexual orientations, and physical and mental abilities; and

WHEREAS, for the last 10 years San Diego youth have come together for Anytown, a unique and valuable experience in which high school students from throughout San Diego County and from diverse backgrounds join together to explore some of society's most pressing challenges in a stimulating, safe, and fun environment; and

WHEREAS, NCCJ's Anytown is an eye-opening, heart-pounding, and life-changing experience in which participants take part in a community based on respect, inclusiveness, and understanding, and thereby gain the tools to recreate similar communities back home; and


WHEREAS, NCCJ's Anytown has challenged over 1,000 San Diego youth to talk about prejudice and discrimination, and to feel the rage and injustice of these social ills, sparking a fire within those who come in contact with NCCJ's Anytown to take action and make change in their own lives and communities; and

WHEREAS, NCCJ's Anytown prepares high school youth to be leaders in educational and social environments, and Anytown can be used as a model for what this City and nation can become when people of understanding and good will unite to form communities that celebrate our differences, making Anytown not merely a camp or school but a way of life; 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 commend The National Conference for Community & Justice Anytown Program for its mission to fight bias, bigotry, and racism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that July 21, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY & JUSTICE ANYTOWN PROGRAM DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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