

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298273

ADOPTED ON AUG 04 2003

WHEREAS, AUNTIE HELEN'S was started in the spring of 1988 by Gary Cheatham, who decided there was a need in the community for laundry services for people living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, AUNTIE HELEN'S started its services out of Gary Cheatham's house, and soon expanded to its current location at 4028 30th Street, which houses both the laundry services and a thrift shop which helps support the organization; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 15 year history, AUNTIE HELEN'S has served tens of thousands of clients, and has come to mean many things to many people who have either benefitted from its free laundry services, volunteered at both the laundry or thrift store, or served on its board of directors; and

WHEREAS, AUNTIE HELEN'S continues to play a vital role in the HIV/AIDS community in both San Diego and Tijuana by providing free laundry service and emergency clothing and bedding to people living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, AUNTIE HELEN'S also provides free medical equipment to people living with HIV/AIDS, including such items as wheelchairs, canes, walkers, toilet chairs, and IV poles; and

WHEREAS, even though AUNTIE HELEN'S' founder, Gary Cheatham, passed away in 1995, the love he generated to San Diego's HIV/AIDS community continues to keep the organization going strong; and

WHEREAS, AUNTIE HELEN'S will commemorate 15 years of service to the greater San Diego/Tijuana region's HIV/AIDS community with a picnic in Balboa Park on the anniversary of Gary Cheatham's birthday, Friday, July 25, 2003; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the 15th anniversary of AUNTIE HELEN'S, and commends them for their outstanding laundry, medical equipment and clothing delivery service, and thrift store which have greatly benefitted the HIV/AIDS community in the greater San Diego/Tijuana region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, July 25, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "AUNTIE HELEN'S 15th ANNIVERSARY DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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