

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298385

ADOPTED ON SEP 22 2003

WHEREAS, National Stop on Red Week, August 30th through September 5th, 2003, was dedicated to educating Americans about the dangers of running red lights; and

WHEREAS, National Stop on Red Week is part of the Federal Highway Administration's Stop Red Light Running campaign, a community-based safety program to raise awareness of the dangers of red light running and help reduce fatalities in many of the participating communities; and

WHEREAS, National Stop on Red Week has been sponsored annually since April 1998 by the American Trauma Society and the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, red light running is the leading cause of urban crashes today, with 2001 estimates showing 200,000 crashes, 150,000 injuries, and about 1,100 deaths attributing to red-light running; and


WHEREAS, one in three people claim they personally know someone who has been injured or killed in red-light running; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Police Department has lost three law enforcement officers to traffic accidents in the year 2003; Officer Gerald Griffin and Officer Terry Bennett in the line of duty and Detective Barry Eldridge while off duty; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego remains dedicated to preserving the health and safety of our citizens by reducing red light running; 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 proclaim the week of August 30th through September 5th, 2003, as "**NATIONAL STOP ON RED WEEK**" in the City of San Diego in recognition of efforts to educate citizens about the dangers of red light running, and to stop red light running in the City of San Diego to reduce injuries and deaths resulting from red light running accidents.

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