

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-298386

ADOPTED ON SEP 22 2003

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego celebrates Robert A. Epler Day in appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Robert Epler served the City of San Diego for more than 25 years, for the last 14 as Assistant Environmental Services Director of a 500 person department with a \$95 million budget, providing essential public services to residents of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Robert Epler served as Management Assistant to the City Manager for Waste Management Planning, Project Director of the San Diego Energy Recovery Project, Deputy General Services Director, and as the Deputy Director of the Refuse Disposal Division of the Environmental Services Department; and

WHEREAS, Robert Epler introduced technical innovations, such as side-loading refuse packers using one-person crews while other jurisdictions used more labor intensive techniques; and

WHEREAS, Robert Epler spearheaded many innovative programs, from long range solid waste disposal planning, to proactive recycling and waste reduction programs, including heading the City's first recycling efforts, overseeing the preparation of the City's Source Reduction and Recycling Element, developing waste to energy concepts and an energy conservation program saving the City millions of dollars; and

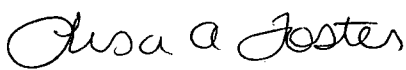
WHEREAS, Robert Epler was appointed to a two-year term on the Local Government Technical Advisory Committee to the California Integrated Waste Management Board by Governor Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Robert Epler served as past International President of the Solid Waste Association of North America, and President of its Southern California Chapter, Director of the Southern California Waste Management Forum, a member of the Municipal Waste Management Association of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and a member of the advisory team to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on Solid Waste issues; 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 recognize the significance of Robert A. Epler and celebrates his accomplishments, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 23, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**ROBERT A. EPLER DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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