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WHEREAS, Senior Community Centers passionately helps seniors survive; and WHEREAS, Senior Community Centers provides quality and compassionate services to needy San Diego seniors who are veterans of our country's wars, have held steady jobs, and contributed to our community for decades; and

WHEREAS, sadly, these seniors' social security checks do not cover all of life's necessities, and they depend on Senior Community Centers' meals, nurse case management, mental health counseling, social opportunities, homeless outreach, and other critical services for their well-being; and

WHEREAS, Senior Community Centers is the voice for San Diego's homeless and near-homeless seniors and advocates for them to combat the affordable housing crisis, which for many is the primary cause of their descent into poverty; and

WHEREAS, Senior Community Centers has worked with local officials and community leaders to proactively target and ameliorate the housing crisis faced by low-income seniors by creating a senior-specific affordable housing facility, Market Square Manor; and

WHEREAS, Market Square Manor will provide safe, quality housing to low-income seniors as well as free nutritious meals, social case management, and a supportive atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, Senior Community Centers tirelessly advocates for its clients and gathers community resources to offer hope for a better tomorrow to San Diego's low-income seniors; 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 Senior Community Centers for its commitment to provide seamless support to the community's most vulnerable population, which is at-risk seniors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that September 24, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTERS DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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