

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298453

ADOPTED ON OCT 13 2003

WHEREAS, Dr. Don Bacigalupi became director of the San Diego Museum of Art in August 1999, and immediately began to increase the museum's standing with the public, as well as among other museum professionals in Balboa Park and the larger arts community by improving community relations, positioning the museum as a tool for education, and focusing on the museum's permanent collection; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bacigalupi oversaw the restoration and renovation of the historic interior of the Museum of Art building, designed by noted San Diego architect William Templeton Johnson, and took steps to further protect the permanent collection through major upgrades to the building's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is widely acknowledged that through Dr. Bacigalupi's leadership a new era has begun for the Museum of Art, as evidenced by the creation of original exhibitions, enhancement of the permanent collection with exciting new acquisitions, and the celebration of the arts through performances and programs that educate as well as entertain; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Dr. Bacigalupi oversaw the development of a balanced exhibition plan promoting cross-cultural connections, as well as a number of original exhibitions involving works from the collection, including "Power and Desire: South Asian Paintings from the San Diego Museum of Art," which opened in May 2000 and recently completed an international tour, and a revitalized contemporary art program; and


WHEREAS, Dr. Bacigalupi was a leader in the effort to organize all of Balboa Park's various cultural institutions into the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, an unprecedented collaboration which seeks to enrich the cultural life of San Diego by facilitating collaborative efforts among the institutions, community leaders and city staff, as well as to enable each institution to achieve its full individual and collective potential and to preserve and enhance the cultural assets of Balboa Park for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bacigalupi has recently announced that he will be leaving the San Diego Museum of Art to accept the directorship of the Toledo Museum of Art in Ohio; 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 recognize Dr. Don Bacigalupi for his outstanding achievements at the Museum of Art, and heartily congratulates him on his new position.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 13, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"DR. DON BACIGALUPI DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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