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WHEREAS, OUTFEST San Diego's Gay and Lesbian Film Festival has operated since 1998, and this year will be presented at the Ken Cinema from September 25 to September 28; and

WHEREAS, OUTFEST has upheld its mission of building bridges among audiences, filmmakers, and the entertainment industry through the exhibition of high-quality gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender-themed films and videos; and

WHEREAS, OUTFEST is an annual festival that enlightens, educates and entertains the diverse communities of Southern California and contributes to the cultural life of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, OUTFEST San Diego has matured from its Los Angeles base of operations since 2002 with the addition of local co-directors Joe Ferrelli and Krista Page; and

WHEREAS, OUTFEST San Diego has brought together local merchants, advertising agencies, designers, printers, hotels, restaurants, and nonprofit organizations in a unified effort to enlighten and support our local community; and

WHEREAS, OUTFEST San Diego offers complimentary festival tickets to various community organizations including Being Alive and Townspeople, LGBT youth organizations, and to persons living with AIDS/HIV and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, OUTFEST San Diego's mission has been supported by a grant from the San Diego LGBT Pride Fund of the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the filmmakers who participate in these programs reflect, interpret, and represent the contemporary LGBT experience, contributing to the culture of San Diego's LGBT community; 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 OUTFEST San Diego, its co-directors Joseph Ferrelli and Krista Page, co-chairmen Dean McConkey and Ivan Solis, as well as the network of OUTFEST volunteers for their commitment and dedication to community enlightenment, education, and entertainment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 25, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "OUTFEST SAN DIEGO DAY" in the City of San Diego in recognition of the dynamic role of OUTFEST in San Diego's LGBT community.

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