

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298472

ADOPTED ON OCT 13 2003

WHEREAS, AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO will be holding its 14th annual event—a 5K walk and 10K run—on October 5, 2003, marking 14 years of hope, caring and compassion for people living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, with the HIV/AIDS epidemic entering its 22nd year, HIV infection and AIDS is the now the world's most infectious disease and the fourth leading cause of death, killing nearly 22 million people worldwide, including more than 6,000 residents of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, there are over 40 million people living with AIDS, and more than 5,000 of them are San Diego County residents, and every day at least one more person is diagnosed with AIDS and every three days another San Diegan with AIDS will die; and

WHEREAS, HIV is spreading disproportionately among men of color, children and women, and as many as 12-15,000 San Diegans are estimated to be infected with HIV; and

WHEREAS, participants in AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO will join together on October 5, 2003, at Sixth Avenue and Quince Street in Balboa Park at 8:00 a.m., to raise funds and awareness for social-service providers and their programs which strive to help prevent HIV infection and support people living with HIV/AIDS in San Diego; and


WHEREAS, AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO is the largest non-governmental financial provider for HIV/AIDS prevention and support services agencies in San Diego County, having raised over \$450,000 from more than 10,000 walkers last year, and more than \$5.5 million over the history of the walk; and

WHEREAS, AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO shows its continued leadership by seeking to fund underfunded and unmet needs within the HIV/AIDS community, without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation, age or income; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of the City of San Diego, does hereby commend the staff, board members, volunteers, sponsors and participants of AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO for their outstanding service, leadership, commitment and generosity to those living with HIV/AIDS, and encourages all San Diegans to participate in AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO by volunteering, walking, running, or making a donation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that October 5, 2003, be is hereby proclaimed to be "AIDS WALK SAN DIEGO DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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