

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298484

ADOPTED ON OCT 13 2003

WHEREAS, San Diego's bays, beaches, and watersheds are precious jewels which must be protected, monitored, and restored; and

WHEREAS, clean water is a natural resource of utmost importance and value to the citizens of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and improvements of water quality are essential to protect public health, wildlife, fisheries, and San Diego's local economy; and

WHEREAS, our bays and beaches provide a home to marine mammals, sea turtles and over 600 species of fish, birds, and invertebrates--many of which are rare or endangered; and

WHEREAS, all citizens have a fundamental right to clean water; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every citizen to become a steward of our bays, beaches, and waterways; and

WHEREAS, the involvement of local residents, and their active role in protecting their waterways is essential to the health of all of our water bodies; and

WHEREAS, the monitoring of our local water bodies for pollution indicators is an important first step in pollution prevention and restoration; and

WHEREAS, October 2003 marks the 31st anniversary of the enactment of the Federal Clean Water Act; 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 encourage the citizens of San Diego and all levels of the government to make clean water a priority in their decisions, to recommit to achieving the goals set forth in the Clean Water Act, and does hereby proclaim October 17, 2003, to be **“NATIONAL WATER MONITORING DAY”** in the City of San Diego.

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