

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298509

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WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports lead poisoning is one of the most common preventable pediatric health problems in this country; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning crosses all barriers of race, income, and geography, and can cause serious harm to children including learning difficulties and behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, 70% of the housing in San Diego was built before 1978, the year lead was banned from paint; and

WHEREAS, this past year, the City of San Diego received \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Lead Outreach Grant Program and \$1.9 million for a Lead Hazard Control Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego's Lead Safe Neighborhoods Program consists of the Environmental Services Department, Neighborhood Code Compliance Department, the City Attorney's Office, Development Services Department, and San Diego Housing Commission, who are working together to eliminate lead hazards in San Diego housing; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Safe Neighborhoods Program is working towards achieving both the Mayor's goal of making San Diego America's safest city and Councilmember Donna Frye's goal of a city-wide lead poison prevention program; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has created a Lead Poison Prevention Citizen's Advisory Taskforce chaired by Councilmember Ralph Inzunza and Councilmember Donna Frye to develop a comprehensive lead hazard ordinance and to provide recommendations for an effective Lead Safe Neighborhoods Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department has developed and is delivering lead related training programs for landlords and contractors to ensure San Diego's housing is free from lead hazards, as well as a lead information phone line; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department, Neighborhood Code Compliance Department, and City Attorney's Office are implementing enforcement policies to ensure lead hazards are not creating substandard housing; 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 proclaim the week of October 20, 2003, to be **"LEAD POISON PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK"** in the City of San Diego, and does hereby commend the participants of the City's Lead Safe Neighborhoods Program in working towards the goal of eliminating lead hazards from the housing in San Diego.

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