RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298603 ADOPTED ON NOV 17 2003

WHEREAS, our nation was founded 226 years ago by men and women of vision and courage who dedicated themselves to the principles of freedom, justice, and liberty; and

WHEREAS, it is these principles that enable our country to embrace the unique cultures and beliefs of our fellow citizens and to enjoy the benefits and blessings of a democratic society; and

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, remind us that it is the responsibility of every American to protect and preserve these principles and to pass them onto future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we, as American citizens, acknowledge the powerful role that our religious heritage has played in our development as a country; and

WHEREAS, God Bless America Week offers our citizens an opportunity to express love of country and support of our Armed Forces by showing honor to the flag and otherwise demonstrating patriotism to our country; and

WHEREAS, November 23 through 29, 2003, will mark the third annual "God Bless America Week" in the City of San Diego; 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, hereby proclaims November 23 through 29, 2003, as "GOD BLESS AMERICA WEEK" in the City of San Diego, and encourages all people to express their gratitude and appreciation for the freedoms that we enjoy as American citizens.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

Usa a Jostan

 $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$

Lisa A. Foster

Deputy City Attorney

LAF:jab 11/07/03

Or.Dept: Council-Maienschein

R-2004-535