

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298619

ADOPTED ON NOV 24 2003

WHEREAS, John Thomson is a 26-year veteran of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and a second-generation San Diego firefighter; and

WHEREAS, John Thomson, after joining the department in 1977, was promoted to the rank of Engineer in 1983, and became a captain only two years later in 1985; and

WHEREAS, John Thomson worked his first shift in his new rank of Battalion Chief on September 28, 2003, overseeing fire and EMS operations for the busiest and most active Battalion in the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, John Thomson has regularly served as Lead Instructor at San Diego Fire Academies over the past several years, helping San Diego's next generation of firefighters become true professionals; and

WHEREAS, John Thomson's service and commitment to the citizens of San Diego go well beyond his job as a firefighter, with an endless dedication to countless charitable organizations and causes that have benefited thousands of less fortunate San Diegans; and

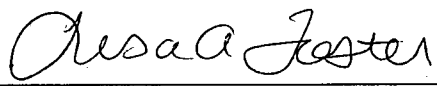
WHEREAS, for more than 20 years John Thomson has held an elected leadership position in the San Diego City Fire Fighters Union, IAFF-Local 145, advocating for the health, safety, welfare, and fair treatment of the men and women who serve in the Fire-Rescue Department; and

WHEREAS, John Thomson is one of the most respected and honorable firefighters who serve our City, and the citizens of San Diego are honored and privileged to have him in a position to lead those who protect our lives and property everyday; 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 recognize John Thomson's well-deserved and long overdue promotion to the rank of Battalion Chief, and honor his 26 years serving the citizens of San Diego as a firefighter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that November 24, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**JOHN G. THOMSON DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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