

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298671

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WHEREAS, HIV has hit every corner of the globe, infecting more than 42 million men, women and children; and

WHEREAS, worldwide five people die of AIDS every minute of everyday; and

WHEREAS, there were 11,529 AIDS cases reported among San Diego County residents last year, making San Diego County the third largest contributor of AIDS cases in California, following Los Angeles and San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, many people living with AIDS suffer from life-threatening weight loss due to "HIV Wasting Syndrome" leaving many people to die as a consequence of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, Mama's Kitchen, a volunteer driven not-for-profit organization reaches out to men, women and children who are affected by AIDS across San Diego County; and


WHEREAS, Mama's Kitchen believes that every person is entitled to the basic necessity of life . . . nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, Mama's Kitchen tries to ensure that no one affected by AIDS in San Diego County suffers or dies prematurely due to the added burden of hunger or malnutrition by preparing and delivering three meals a day for every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, each year on World AIDS Day, Mama's Kitchen holds its annual Tree of Life celebration to honor those who have died from AIDS and gives strength and hope to those currently affected; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim December 1, 2003, to be "TREE OF LIFE DAY" in the City of San Diego, and does hereby commend Mama's Kitchens' staff and all the volunteers who reach out everyday to those individuals living with AIDS in San Diego County.

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