

RESOLUTION NUMBER 298844

ADOPTED ON FEB 09 2004

WHEREAS, San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn has established an Attorney of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this Award acknowledges and rewards the Civil Division Deputy City Attorney whose professional accomplishments and abilities and whose contributions to the community best demonstrate and fulfill the goals of the San Diego City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Civil Division are to protect the quality of life and the public funds of the people of San Diego by defending and prosecuting civil lawsuits, and advising, and counseling the City; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Division provides legal services to the public with professionalism, integrity, and excellence, focusing on (1) ethical, just, and effective lawyering; (2) early intervention and proactive problem solving; and (3) promoting public awareness of legal issues affecting the people of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the award recipient for the 2003 Attorney of the Year Award, Jim Chapin, has been selected from an outstanding list of nominees; and

WHEREAS, Jim was admitted to the California State Bar in 1985 and the Florida Bar in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Jim was appointed as a Deputy City Attorney in December 1985; and

WHEREAS, Jim has become a valuable addition to the Trial Unit in the Civil Division where he has tackled the most complex and varied problems with enthusiasm and excellent results; and

WHEREAS, during the past year, Jim has defended the City on high profile matters involving the first amendment cases, tax cases and tort cases; and

WHEREAS, Jim is known all over the City as an effective, poised, and tenacious advocate; and

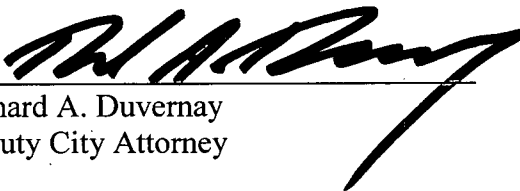
WHEREAS, Jim generously acts as mentor on a daily basis and deputies across the Civil Division seek Jim's advice and knowledge on a broad range of topics; and

WHEREAS, Jim is a shining example of the most dedicated public servant who practices law ethically, effectively, and with the utmost professionalism and excellence; 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 recognizes and commends Jim Chapin on the occasion of his selection by San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn as the recipient of the 2003 Attorney of the Year Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 9, 2004 is hereby proclaimed to be "JIM CHAPIN DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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