

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298888

ADOPTED ON FEB 09 2004

WHEREAS, the Cedar Fire of October 26, 2003 swept through the community of Scripps Ranch early that day requiring the rapid evacuation of neighborhoods at the same time that firefighters attacked the fire; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department endured an exhausting firefighting experience to save thousands of homes in Scripps Ranch and to prevent this fire from spreading throughout the entire City; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department ensured the safe and efficient evacuation of residents at the same time it was battling the worst firestorm in California history; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department teamed up with the Police Department to achieve the remarkable feat of evacuating Scripps Ranch with not a single life lost in the tragedy of the fire; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department sacrificed their personal lives by working long hours and multiple shifts to provide an incredible level of safety and protection for the Scripps Ranch area; and

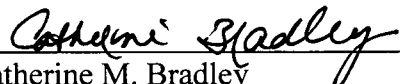
WHEREAS, Firefighters of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department were on duty protecting Scripps Ranch when one Firefighter lost his own home and others had their homes and the homes of family members in danger of being destroyed by the very same fire; and

WHEREAS, Chief Jeff Bowman and other high-ranking officers in the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department provided the highest level of professionalism and coordination in working together with the Police Department during this crisis; and

WHEREAS, the community of Scripps Ranch is extremely proud and appreciative of every Firefighter of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department for saving lives, saving homes, protecting our community and providing the highest level of public safety imaginable during the Cedar Fire and its aftermath in late 2003; 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 declare February 11, 2004, to be **"SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT DAY"** in recognition of their outstanding service to the Scripps Ranch community and the people of San Diego.

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