

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298889

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 while providing access to the area for firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Police Department ensured the safe and efficient evacuation of residents of Scripps Ranch while the Fire Department battled the worst firestorm in California history; and

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

WHEREAS, the dedicated Officers of the San Diego Police Department also became involved in fighting the fire in Scripps Ranch, and many Officers were instrumental in saving numerous homes throughout Scripps Ranch; and

WHEREAS, Officers of the San Diego Police Department were on duty protecting Scripps Ranch while 23 Officers had their own homes destroyed by the very same fire; and

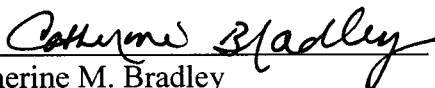
WHEREAS, Officers of the San Diego Police Department sacrificed their personal lives by working long hours and multiple shifts to provide an incredible level of safety and protection for the Scripps Ranch area in the days and weeks following the fire; and

WHEREAS, Chief William Lansdowne and other high ranking Officers in the San Diego Police Department provided the highest level of professionalism and coordination in working together with the Fire-Rescue Department during this crisis, while still providing the entire City of San Diego with important public safety services; and

WHEREAS, the community of Scripps Ranch is extremely proud and appreciative of every Officer of the San Diego Police 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 12, 2004, to be **“SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT DAY”** in recognition of their outstanding service to the Scripps Ranch community and the people of San Diego.

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