RESOLUTION NUMBER R-298974 ADOPTED ON MAR 2 2 2004

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO is the only performing arts organization in San Diego offering affordable, accessible operettas, light operas, and musicals to a wide audience; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO provides educational opportunities to the public through children's programs, lectures, and other efforts; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO is a fiscally sound performing arts organization enjoying continued support from the San Diego community; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO provides a training ground for the best young vocal talent in San Diego, and its artists regularly go on to perform at some of the best theatres and opera companies in the world; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO stages first-class productions of unusual and lesser-known works, including operettas, musicals, and operas by such composers as Gilbert & Sullivan, Rossini, Mozart, Britten, and many other significant contributors to the world of musical theatre; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO performs its productions with a live orchestra and choristers drawn from the best professional musicians in San Diego County, providing a crucial outlet for their talents to be recognized; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO in 2004 is celebrating 25 years of successful performances in San Diego, first as the San Diego Gilbert & Sullivan Company, then as San Diego Comic Opera, and now as Lyric Opera San Diego; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO will in 2005 become the managing tenant of the renovated North Park Theatre, having raised funds for the rebirth of the theatre, creating a state-of-the-art performing arts venue out of an architectural gem and anchoring the redevelopment of one of San Diego's finest historic neighborhoods; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby recognize the 25th anniversary of LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO, and commends them for their ongoing commitment to excellence in the performing arts in San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that March 22, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO 25TH ANNIVERSARY DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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