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WHEREAS, the National Ataxia Foundation [NAF] has been combating all types of hereditary ataxia since its establishment in 1957; and

WHEREAS, NAF is a non-profit, membership organization which acts as an information resource, provides education, medical referrals, research, and support; and

WHEREAS, NAF established its first support group in San Diego in 1986, with over 65 chapters and support groups across America; and

WHEREAS, NAF helped establish an International Ataxia Awareness Day observed annually on September 25th; and

WHEREAS, hereditary Ataxia is due to a number of related neurological disorders, causing slow, progressive deterioration of nerve cells, and causes a lack of muscular coordination; and

WHEREAS, NAF has worked hard to educate and support those who have been afflicted with the disease and, in the last four years, funded 46 ataxia research studies in six countries while fundraising astonishing amounts of support; 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 recognize NAF for the commitment and dedication to research and creating awareness of hereditary Ataxia.

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