## RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298986 ADOPTED ON MAR 2 2 2004

WHEREAS, cats and dogs provide companionship and health benefits to over 63,000,000 individuals and families in the United States; and

WHEREAS, two unaltered cats and their descendants can number 420,000 in seven years and two unaltered dogs and all of their descendents can number 67,000 in six years; and

WHEREAS, humane societies and animal control shelters across the country kill four to six million cats and dogs each year, simply because there are not adequate homes; and

WHEREAS, the problem of companion animal over population costs the taxpayers of this country over a billion dollars annually through animal control and care programs; and

WHEREAS, it is well documented that aggressive, proactive pet sterilization programs drastically reduce the number of companion animals requiring sheltering or roaming the streets; and

WHEREAS, the Spay Neuter Action Project's [SNAP] mission is to achieve zero euthanasia of adoptable pets in San Diego County through prevention - providing public awareness, educational materials, reduced fee spay/neuter procedures, and subsidies when qualified; and

WHEREAS, the Spay Neuter Action Project [SNAP], the Feral Cat Coalition [FCC], veterinarians, and volunteers across the county will join forces on Saturday, March 14, 2004, to achieve a world record for the number of stray cats spayed or neutered in one day to raise awareness about the huge number of feral and abandoned cats existing in our region; 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, commends Spay Neuter Action Project [SNAP], the Feral Cat Coalition [FCC], and the annual Feral Cat FIX-ATHON DAY for its commitment to raise awareness about the huge number of feral cats existing in our region and providing low cost spay/neuter procedures to residents of San Diego County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the March 14, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "FERAL CAT FIX-A-THON DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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