

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299075

ADOPTED ON APR 12 2004

WHEREAS, Neil Morgan is a North Carolina-born journalist, author, and lecturer who saw California first as a Navy ensign and has spent the following half-century as one of its foremost social historians; and

WHEREAS, Neil has interpreted the American West in nine books and for Esquire, Harper's, Holiday, Vogue, Saturday Review, Reader's Digest, and National Geographic; and

WHEREAS, since 1950 Neil has been based with The San Diego Union-Tribune, where he served as associate editor and senior columnist; and

WHEREAS, Neil was editor of The San Diego Evening Tribune from 1981 until its merger in 1992, years in which its staff won two Pulitzer Prizes; and

WHEREAS, as a journalist, his decades of prodding regional efforts have helped to make San Diego a center of higher education and scientific research; and

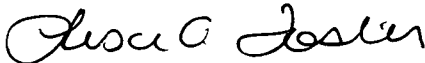
WHEREAS, through writing, radio, television, and lectures, he pioneered cross-border efforts to create binational ties between San Diego and Mexico's Baja California and has written ten thousand columns; and

WHEREAS, Neil is married to Judith a fellow journalist and has collaborated with her on pieces for National Geographic; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby thank Neil for sharing with us his words, wisdom, and wit; commend him for pushing us to govern this City with integrity and honesty; and salute him for daring to speak his mind and to challenge the status quo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 12, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "NEIL MORGAN DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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