

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299135

ADOPTED ON APR 26 2004

WHEREAS, the Cedar Fire burned 28,676 acres, destroyed 335 structures and damaged another 71 while also destroying 144 vehicles in the City of San Diego on October 26, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and San Diego Police Department saved over 900 other homes in the Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta communities where the fire first struck; and

WHEREAS, the Fire-Rescue Department and Police Department remarkably evacuated all areas impacted by the fire and not a single life was lost in this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego organized and opened a Local Assistance Center within 24 hours to set up a one-stop shop for all fire victims to visit for assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Local Assistance Center was staffed with numerous dedicated City staff who worked long hours and who provided the highest level of customer service imaginable; and

WHEREAS, the staff at the Local Assistance Center handled 3,739 individual sign-ins for assistance and 18,660 station visits for inquiries on individual fire recovery issues; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department's Crisis Intervention team made 924 contacts for both crisis and non-crisis related issues; and

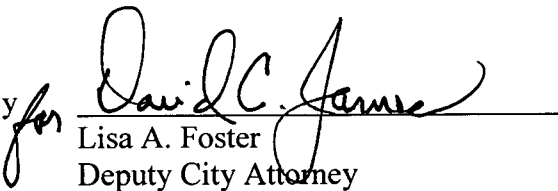
WHEREAS, the City's Development Services Department has issued 46 building permits in the City with another 81 submittals in the pipeline for approval; and

WHEREAS, one family in Scripps Ranch already moved back into a home rebuilt after the fire and many others are progressing to be back in their homes by Christmas 2004; and

WHEREAS, the professionalism and courtesy shown by City staff to victims of the fire has been absolutely tremendous and the City of San Diego is extremely proud of how our incredible public servants responded to such a devastating natural disaster; 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 April 26, 2004, to be "**LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER STAFF DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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