

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299136

ADOPTED ON APR 26 2004

WHEREAS, the Sherman Heights/Grant Hill Revitalization Team has been in existence since 1995 to implement the goals of the City Council-approved Sherman Heights and Grant Hill Revitalization Plans; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated residents of Sherman Heights and Grant Hill, who live in two of the oldest neighborhoods of New Town San Diego, have worked diligently the past nine years with the City of San Diego, Council District 8, the City Planning Department, local business owners, and others to make significant improvements in both the function and the appearance of their historic communities; and

WHEREAS, the residents have encouraged historic preservation and pride in ownership by requesting and utilizing an Architectural Advisory Program to provide design services to owners of historic properties in Sherman Heights and Grant Hill and to take advantage of the Mills Act Property Tax Reduction for stewardship of historically designated buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Revitalization Team initiated public improvement projects such as tree planting, landscaping, and street improvement programs along the commercial corridors, acorn-style street lights that improve safety, walkability, and enhance the historic character of the neighborhood, and the unique 25th Street Song Rail Bridge, which makes entry into Sherman Heights and Grant Hill a safe and musical experience; and

WHEREAS, the community works with the Housing Commission to remove lead paint from older rental units and meets monthly with the San Diego Police Department, the City of San Diego Code Compliance Department, the City Graffiti Program Coordinator, and the City of San Diego Prosecutor's Office for problem-solving sessions that allowed for creative solutions to persistent issues; and

WHEREAS, the business community has sponsored an annual Soap Box Derby each June along 25th Street, so youngsters can build and race their own soapbox cars; and


WHEREAS, the Revitalization Team worked for more than two years with Jack In The Box Corporation to build the world's most beautiful fast food restaurant, a Craftsman-inspired design, at the corner of Market and 24th Streets, to keep with the character of the Sherman Heights Historic District; and

WHEREAS, residents and local artists worked with the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture to create the Sherman Heights Neighborhood Cultural Council, to promote cultural heritage tourism in the area; and

WHEREAS, the long-term dedicated residents and business owners of Sherman Heights and Grant Hill have given countless hours to promote and share the values and beauty of these small but important communities located just east of downtown San Diego, and the diverse Sherman Heights/Grant Hill Revitalization Team has taken a leadership role in improving so many aspects of the community and planning for its future needs while preserving its important past; 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 proclaim April 26, 2004, as "SHERMAN HEIGHTS/GRANT HILL REVITALIZATION TEAM DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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