

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299149

ADOPTED ON MAY 04 2004

WHEREAS, arthritis is the nation's leading cause of disability among Americans over the age of fifteen, and is one of the most prevalent chronic health problems in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated nearly 43 million Americans with arthritis, including more than 700,000 adults and children in San Diego County who suffer from one of the more than 100 types of arthritis; and

WHEREAS, arthritis is the leading cause of illness-related work absences and can severely limit everyday activities such as walking, dressing, and bathing; and

WHEREAS, the Arthritis Foundation—the only national, voluntary health agency searching for the cause, cure, prevention, and treatment of arthritis—has worked to improve the quality of life of people living with arthritis; and

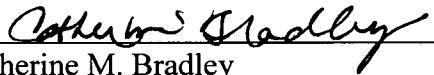
WHEREAS, originally organized in 1948 as the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation and renamed in 1964, the Arthritis Foundation has sought to raise awareness of arthritis and to sponsor and provide activities, programs, self-help courses, support groups, and other educational resources to individuals suffering from arthritis; and

WHEREAS, the Arthritis Foundation, San Diego Area Chapter will be hosting symposia and educational forums throughout San Diego County during the month of May 2004, and will be celebrating its 41st anniversary of serving the San Diego community at its gala event on June 26, 2004; 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 the efforts of the Arthritis Foundation, San Diego Area Chapter to educate and help individuals and families affected by arthritis in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 2004 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH" in the City of San Diego.

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