RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299154 ADOPTED ON MAY 0 4 2004

WHEREAS, the people of San Diego have great appreciation, respect, and admiration for the many local men and women who have served their country in the armed forces of The United States, often at enormous sacrifice to themselves and their family, to protect and preserve the peace and freedoms enjoyed by our communities and by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, some veterans have encountered obstacles in readjusting to civilian life which many with service connected disabilities represent a significant share of our state's homeless population; and

WHEREAS, veterans possess a wide variety of valuable job qualifications and skills, including experience, maturity, leadership, and loyalty that makes them ideal candidates for employment, and veterans reflect the cultural diversity that embodies the heart of our great community; and

WHEREAS, Local Veterans Employment Representatives, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialists, and other Employment Development Department Staff are committed to ensuring veterans receive the services and programs to which they are entitled, and to promote employer interest in hiring veterans; 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 commend ALL VETERANS for the honorable loyalty they have given to protect and serve our country and all Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MAY 2004 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "VETERAN APPRECIATION MONTH" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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