

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299164

ADOPTED ON MAY 04 2004

WHEREAS, prior to 1889, law enforcement in San Diego was handled by City marshals and constables. Between 1845 and 1850, the town was under military control. In 1850, the state senate drew up a charter providing for a five-man city council assisted by a marshal, an attorney, an assessor, and a treasurer. The voters chose Agostin Haraszthy as both sheriff and marshal; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 1889, the Metropolitan San Diego Police Department was established; and on June 1 of that year, Joseph Coyne, the City Marshall, was appointed the first Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Police Officer's Association (SDPOA) was originally formed in 1912 and has enjoyed a long and distinguished history of protecting the officers of the San Diego Police Department and providing assistance for them and their families in time of need; and

WHEREAS, the SDPOA has had many successes, in the 1950's and 1960's they were the driving force behind professionalizing the law enforcement agency in California and focusing on wages, benefits, and other issues affecting police officers at the time; and

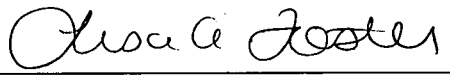
WHEREAS, in the 1970's, the SDPOA began to devote time to initiating many programs which would prove significant for the future of police officers and their labor organization as well as set a precedent for negotiating successes in the future. This included the establishment of a legal defense fund, dress codes, and educational incentive pay; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2004, the SDPOA will hold an annual Police Officer Memorial Service in Balboa Park at the Organ Pavilion to pay tribute to our fallen officers during 2003 including: San Diego Police Officer Gerald Griffin who was struck by a car on April 15 and died on April 25; Oceanside Police Officer Tony Zeppetella who was murdered on June 13; San Diego Police Officer Terry Bennett who was murdered on June 26; and California Highway Patrol Officer Dean Beattie who was killed in a traffic collision on November 19; 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 the City of San Diego, does hereby honor and recognize the over 2,000 sworn police officers in the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 4, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SAN DIEGO POLICE OFFICERS' RECOGNITION DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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