

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299172

ADOPTED ON MAY 10 2004

WHEREAS, Courtney Ann Coyle was recently named California Lawyer Environmental Attorney of the Year for 2003 in recognition of her efforts on behalf of the Quechan Indian Nation to protect their sacred places near Indian Pass from being destroyed by an open-pit, heap-leach gold mine; and

WHEREAS, in defending the sacred places of the Quechan, Courtney was successful in having the State become the first in the country to adopt a mining law and regulations to require backfilling of open-pit, metallic mines, and

WHEREAS, Courtney has been a leader locally, throughout the State and nationally in providing legal protection and legislation to preserve Native American sacred places and to educate the public on the critical need for their preservation in perpetuity for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Courtney has been instrumental in preserving important landscapes and biological resources in San Diego, including preservation of the Sorrento Valley Road area and preventing encroachment at the Torrey Pines State Reserve, Torrey Pines State Beach, Los Peñasquitos lagoon, and other sensitive habitats; and

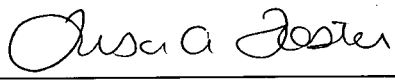
WHEREAS, Courtney has been active in furthering education and understanding of the importance of protecting cultural resources along with natural resources in our region for future generations, including serving as counsel to the San Diego Archaeological Center – the regional library of cultural artifacts – and working to preserve the integrity of historic Balboa Park; and

WHEREAS, Courtney has also volunteered her time and talent to enhancing the vibrant cultural fabric of the City of San Diego, including her current service on the City of San Diego's Commission for Arts and Culture and her active participation in such organizations as the La Jolla Town Council, San Diego Women's Foundation, Patrons of the Prado, and the San Diego Opera Advisory Board; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, commend Courtney Ann Coyle for her dedication, commitment, perseverance, and success in protecting natural and cultural resources and landscapes in our region and throughout the State and the Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 10, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "COURTNEY ANN COYLE DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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