RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299217 ADOPTED ON MAY 17 2004

WHEREAS, the San Diego River runs from the mountains near Julian, through Mission Valley, and to the Pacific Ocean, traveling more than 50 miles through the heart of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, for more than 8,000 years, people have lived along the San Diego River and have relied upon this important waterway, making it a river of great historical significance to our region; and

WHEREAS, endangered animals and plants depend on the San Diego River for habitat and food; and

WHEREAS, today approximately 500,000 people live, work, and recreate near the San Diego River; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 22, 2004, the fifty-two organizations of the San Diego River Coalition, in partnership with the San Diego River Park Foundation, are hosting the inaugural "San Diego River Day"; and

WHEREAS, "San Diego River Day" will be a daylong festival honoring the natural beauty of one of our region's most important community resources and will celebrate this year's theme, "Discover the River: One Day, One River, One Vision"; and

WHEREAS, "San Diego River Day" will feature a variety of special events and activities spanning the length of the river, such as bird walks, bike rides, cleanups, and wildlife restoration,

which have been planned by community businesses and organizations for people to discover San Diego's best kept secret; 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 outstanding efforts of the San Diego River Coalition and the San Diego River Park Foundation to organize the inaugural "San Diego River Day," and for their continued commitment to restore and enhance the historic San Diego River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 22, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SAN DIEGO RIVER DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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