

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299237

ADOPTED ON MAY 17 2004

WHEREAS, for more than 10 years, MARIA GALLETA has become a familiar face in the HIV/AIDS community in San Diego, caring for people with HIV after receiving Red Cross training 15 years ago; and

WHEREAS, seeing a need and deciding to fill it, MARIA GALLETA volunteered at Being Alive San Diego, working with the Helping Hands program and the Women's and Children's Center, and also volunteering as a bilingual advocate for Spanish-speaking clients; and

WHEREAS, MARIA GALLETA later co-founded Christie's Place, which serves families affected by HIV/AIDS, investing a considerable sum of her own savings in the effort, where she worked as a non-paid volunteer for two years before moving on to other volunteer efforts; and

WHEREAS, MARIA GALLETA has volunteered with many non-profit organizations, including AIDS Foundation San Diego, Spectrum, and APICAP, where she is currently a client direct services specialist; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working for APICAP, MARIA GALLETA works independently on HIV/AIDS causes, trekking to a free HIV/AIDS clinic and AIDS hospice in Tijuana every Thursday to deliver food, blankets, clothes, diapers, medication, and, most importantly, abundant love to those in need; and

WHEREAS, MARIA GALLETA has received numerous awards, including the 1999 Crystal Heart Award from Update and a "Friend of the Community Award" from San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride; and

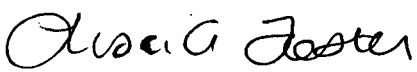
WHEREAS, MARIA GALLETA is currently the chair of the Imperial Court de San Diego Tijuana AIDS Fund; and

WHEREAS, at the Nicky Awards on Sunday, May 9, 2004, MARIA GALLETA will be recognized publicly for her contributions to the HIV/AIDS community in San Diego with the presentation of a special resolution from the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Diego;
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, does hereby recognize the outstanding volunteer efforts of MARIA GALLETA in the area of HIV/AIDS assistance, and commends her for more than a decade of community service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 9, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "MARIA GALLETA DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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