## RESOLUTION NUMBER R. 299251 ADOPTED ON MAY 2 4 2004

WHEREAS, water is California's most precious natural resource; and

WHEREAS, the health of San Diego's growing population and the welfare of our communities depends on reliable, high quality drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Water Department has, for more than 100 years, continually delivered safe, healthy drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego's Water Department continues to upgrade the City's water infrastructure including water mains and water treatment plants to provide citizens with improved services; and

WHEREAS, the drought years of 1987-1993 taught San Diegans the importance of conserving water for the health and welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, residents, businesses, and City government have successfully saved 6.84 billion gallons of drinking water in 2003 by participating in water conservation programs; and

WHEREAS, residents, businesses, and City government have helped to conserve more than 7.3 billion gallons of drinking water since 1997 by using recycled water for irrigation, commercial and industrial processes; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego urge all San Diegans to continue to "be water aware" and use water wisely because it is our most precious natural resource; 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 support the exemplary efforts of the Water Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "WATER AWARENESS MONTH" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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