RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299274 ADOPTED ON MAY 2 4 2004

WHEREAS, over 16 million people each year enjoy the City of San Diego's beaches, bays, and lakes through swimming, surfing, scuba diving, boating, sailing, fishing, and waterskiing; and

WHEREAS, these forms of recreation have a profound impact on the quality of life of many individuals, including the thousands of business owners, operators, and employees who support such recreation; and

WHEREAS, the City has maintained for many years a reputation of safety by funding professional safety services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, through the heroic efforts of emergency personnel, over 6,000 of these visitors require assistance through water rescue, boat rescue, marine fire suppression, underwater search and rescue, and coastal cliff rescue; and

WHEREAS, National Beach Safety Week is sponsored by the United States Lifesaving Association in an effort to remind beachgoers to use caution when enjoying summer activities; and

WHEREAS, National Safe Boating Week is to remind San Diego's boaters to wear their lifejackets, look out for dangers of carbon monoxide, and obey the various security zones in place; and

WHEREAS, awareness and education are established and successful means of accident prevention; 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, hereby proclaims the week of May 22-28, 2004, to be "NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK" and May 24-31, to be "NATIONAL BEACH SAFETY WEEK" in the City of San Diego in recognition of public safety professionals and water safety awareness in our great City.

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