

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299432

ADOPTED ON JUL 12 2004

WHEREAS, BRIDGET J. WILSON is a well-respected attorney in San Diego County, who is a principal in the firm of Rosenstein, Wilson & Dean and a member of the San Diego Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, BRIDGET J. WILSON has fought for full equal and civil rights for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community in a variety of ways and for countless causes; and

WHEREAS, during the last 30 years, BRIDGET J. WILSON has devoted an enormous amount of time and effort to numerous LGBT community organizations, including service as Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and as a member of the ABA's Committee on the Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men; Co-President of The Tom Homann Law Association; a 30-year member of the San Diego LGBT Community Center; a member of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund; a planning committee member for the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade during its first six years of existence; a board member of the San Diego AIDS Project; and as the founding member and co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Law Student Association at the University of San Diego; among many others; and

WHEREAS, BRIDGET J. WILSON is a proud veteran of the United States Army Reserve and a current member of the California State Military Reserve, for which she serves as a Judge Advocate, Major, with the 40th ID (M) Support Brigade at the Joint Forces Training Base

in Los Alamitos, California, and for which she has received the California Medal of Merit and a California Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, BRIDGET J. WILSON has been a strong and tireless advocate for the rights of LGBT servicemembers, having served as a founding member and on the national board of the American Veterans for Equal Rights, consulting counsel for the Servicemember's Legal Defense Network, coordinator for lesbian, gay, and HIV issues for the Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild, a member of the Military Law Committee of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association, and as a member of the San Diego Veterans Association and the Center for Servicemen's Rights; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, BRIDGET J. WILSON has also contributed to various causes by writing books and periodicals on a variety of social subjects, consulting for numerous government, private and legal concerns, and conducting presentations and workshops on such diverse areas of study as military discrimination, HIV/AIDS and the law, and diversity; and

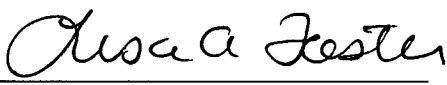
WHEREAS, in recognition of her community work, BRIDGET J. WILSON was awarded the "Human Rights Award" by the San Diego Democratic Club in 1984, the "Celebration of Life Award" by the San Diego AIDS Project and AIDS Assistance Fund in 1987, the "Liberty Award" by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in 1993, a "Stop the Witchhunts" commendation by the Servicemember's Legal Defense Network in 1999, and was named Grand Marshall of the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade in 1986; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2004, BRIDGET J. WILSON will be honored at a community tribute banquet hosted by the Imperial Court de San Diego and the 2004 tribute sponsors at the U.S. Grant Hotel, with the proceeds benefiting the Toni Atkins Lesbian Health Fund and the Benjamin F. Dillingham III Community Grant Fund; 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 hard work, dedication, and unparalleled community service of BRIDGET J. WILSON, and commends her for her more than 30 years of activism in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community in San Diego and nationwide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, July 11, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "BRIDGET J. WILSON DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

By 
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Deputy City Attorney

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