

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299454

ADOPTED ON JUL 19 2004

WHEREAS, the amphibious and aerial landings in Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944, epitomized one of the most highly planned military operations in history and were a vital turning point to liberate Europe in World War II; and

WHEREAS, the American soldiers at this historic battle exemplified the deeply embedded values and tenets of honor, courage, and duty to country that America's military continues to demonstrate today, at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, June 6, 1944—also known as D-Day—was a great triumph of successful intelligence, coordination, and tactical and operational superiority of the American military and Allied forces; and

WHEREAS, the American and Allied landings in Normandy remain a symbol of our nation's unfaltering commitment to defend democracy and freedom; and

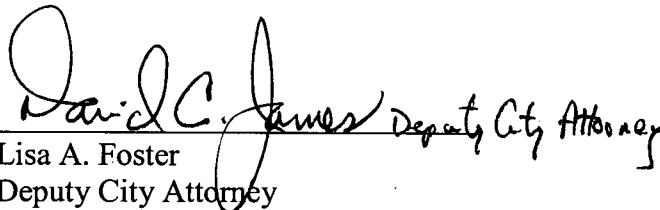
WHEREAS, the Return to Normandy Association was founded in 1993 to commemorate the more than 20,000 American and British paratroopers who landed behind German lines on June 6, 1944, only hours before the amphibious D-Day invasion of France at the beaches of Normandy; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2004, a group of World War II veteran paratroopers—former members of the 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions—will be reuniting in San Diego to celebrate their accomplishment of reenacting their wartime jump in Normandy, France, on June 7th in honor of the 60th anniversary of D-Day; 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 American and Allied heroes who landed at Normandy, France, in World War II, and commend the Return to Normandy Association for its commitment to preserve the history and honor the legacy of these brave soldiers who fought courageously to help change the course of the Second World War.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that July 19, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "RETURN TO NORMANDY DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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