

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299455

ADOPTED ON JUL 19 2004

WHEREAS, San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn has established a Prosecutor of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this Award acknowledges and rewards the Deputy City Attorney whose professional accomplishments and abilities and whose contributions to the community best demonstrate and fulfill the mission of the Criminal Division of the San Diego City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Criminal Division is to protect the safety and quality of life of the people of San Diego by intervening to stop criminal conduct at the misdemeanor level; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Division provides legal services to the public with professionalism, integrity, and excellence, focusing on (1) aggressive, just, and effective prosecution; (2) early intervention and proactive lawyering; and (3) promoting public awareness of legal issues affecting the people of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the award recipient for the 2003 Prosecutor of the Year Award, Judy Taschner, has been selected from an outstanding list of nominees; and

WHEREAS, Judy joined our Office in June 2001 after working more than a year as a deputy district attorney in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding a heavy trial caseload and supervisory responsibilities, Judy leads our Office's involvement in many community programs serving San Diego's pre-teens and teens; and

WHEREAS, last year, in Teen Court alone, Judy trained more than 1,500 students, ages 11 and up, in ten different schools; and

WHEREAS, Judy leads the City Attorney's efforts with the School Attendance Review Board, which is reducing truancy; For Kids Sake, an elementary school program for families; the Parenting Project, which intervenes with parents whose children are in need; the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, a multi-agency program addressing crimes, including child pornography; the Chadwick Center, a multi-disciplinary child protection team addressing child abuse and child molest cases; and Teen Choices, a mentoring program serving at-risk youth and their parents; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the San Diego Police Department, Judy is developing a curriculum on teen relationship violence that Judy and others in law enforcement will use for training high school students in the San Diego School District; and

WHEREAS, the National District Attorneys Association recognized Judy as an expert domestic violence trial attorney, selecting her for their all-expenses-paid Advanced Child Abuse Prosecution training in Columbia, South Carolina; and

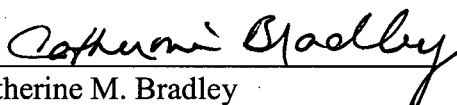
WHEREAS, Judy has recently won two child abuse cases, one in which the defendant was sentenced to 2½ years in jail, and another in which the defendant was not only sentenced to jail but must register as a sex offender; and

WHEREAS, Judy's tireless dedication is an inspiration to all with whom she works;
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 recognizes and commends Judy Taschner on the occasion of her selection by San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn as the recipient of the 2003 Prosecutor of the Year Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Monday, July 19, 2004, is hereby proclaimed to be "JUDY TASCHNER DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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