

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299456

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, Chandani Sil Flinn, has been selected from an outstanding list of nominees; and

WHEREAS, Chandani has served as a deputy city attorney since 1998, and is a proactive and creative prosecutor, committed to protecting the people of San Diego through her work with the City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecution Unit; and

WHEREAS, Chandani took on her assignment as the Mid-City Division neighborhood prosecutor with enthusiasm and excitement meeting officers and community members at lineups, ride-alongs, and community meetings; and

WHEREAS, Chandani identified prostitution, graffiti, noisy college-area parties, and other misdemeanor quality-of-life crimes as serious community problems; and

WHEREAS, Chandani has developed creative approaches using both traditional and non-traditional prosecutorial tools and resources to reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, Chandani brought together diverse community stakeholders, including police officers, community members, former prostitutes, social service providers, and representatives from community-based organizations, to form the Mid-City Prostitution Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Chandani and the Task Force instituted the Prostitution Impact Panel, which educates john offenders; Survivors of the Streets, which educates prostitutes about alternatives to their way of life; and creative sentencing alternatives to promote rehabilitation programs to assist street workers while protecting the community with stay-away orders and other restrictions; and

WHEREAS, Chandani has worked with San Diego police officers in a new approach to curbing loud parties in the college area; and

WHEREAS, Chandani worked with the San Diego Police Department and community members in Project TAG: Teamwork Against Graffiti; and

WHEREAS, Chandani helped establish the Mid-City Community Court, where she regularly serves as a prosecutor working with community volunteers who sentence noise and graffiti offenders to community work service and education programs in the community; and

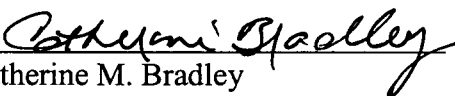
WHEREAS, Chandani was honored for her work in the community by the San Diego Mediation Center as a Peacemaker of the Year, and

WHEREAS, Chandani always has a positive attitude and is an enthusiastic, conscientious, and dedicated prosecutor; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people, hereby recognizes and commends Chandani Sil Flinn 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 "CHANDANI FLINN DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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