

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299587

ADOPTED ON AUG 10 2004

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY AND
JUSTICE ANYTOWN PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ) San Diego is a human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism in America; and

WHEREAS, through advocacy, conflict resolution, and education, NCCJ seeks to promote understanding and respect within the city of San Diego, which is comprised of people of different ethnicities, cultures, ages, genders, religious beliefs, sexual orientations, and physical and mental abilities; and

WHEREAS, for the last 11 years, students from throughout San Diego County high schools and from diverse backgrounds have come together in a unique and valuable experience to explore some of our society's most perplexing challenges in a stimulating, safe, and fun environment; and

WHEREAS, NCCJ's Anytown is an eye-opening, heart-pounding life-changing experience where participants experience a community based on respect, inclusiveness and understanding, and gain the tools to recreate such a community back home; and

WHEREAS, NCCJ's Anytown has challenged over 1,200 San Diego youth to talk about prejudice and discrimination, and to feel the rage and injustice of these social ills, so that a fire is built within those who come in contact with NCCJ's Anytown to take action and make change in their own lives and their communities; and

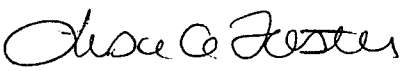
WHEREAS, the Anytown experience enhances self-image, leadership skills, racial understanding, family relationships, communication skills, cultural awareness, inter-religious respect, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, NCCJ's Anytown prepares high school youth to be leaders in educational and social environments, and Anytown can be used as a model for what this country and city can become if people of understanding and good will bind together to make our communities safe for differences; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby commend The National Conference for Community & Justice/ Anytown Program for its mission to fight bias, bigotry, and racism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Monday, August 9, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY & JUSTICE ANYTOWN DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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