

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299648

ADOPTED ON SEP 20 2004

WHEREAS, Charles G. Abdelnour, the son of immigrants from Lebanon, was born in the desert community of Brawley, California, completed his undergraduate studies at San Diego State University, pursued graduate studies at the University of Southern California, and received his Juris Doctorate from Western State University Law School; and

WHEREAS, following law school, Charles G. Abdelnour held positions with Hughes Aircraft Company, the Legal Aid Society, First California Investment Bankers, and the Catholic Diocese of San Diego, and founded the Catholic Community Services, which continues to provide a vital social service to the San Diego area; and

WHEREAS, Charles G. Abdelnour began his term of service with the City of San Diego in July 1974, serving as Assistant Director of the Community Relations Department and then Executive Assistant to the councilmember for the Eighth District; and

WHEREAS, in August 1977, Charles G. Abdelnour was appointed as the City Clerk for the City of San Diego, and, after 27 years, has become the longest serving City Clerk in the City's history; and

WHEREAS, as City Clerk, Charles G. Abdelnour has championed innovation and technological advancement by spearheading such changes as providing the City's Municipal Code subscription and supplements on CD-ROM, capturing City Council proceedings in digital format, and implementing a bar-code system for better record tracking; and

WHEREAS, because of his great community spirit, Charles G. Abdelnour received the Arab-American Institute Award for lifetime achievement in public and community service in June 2000, and the Alex M. Odeh Memorial Award from the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee for Freedom of Speech and Justice in November 2000; and

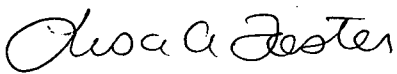
WHEREAS, adding to his many accolades, in January 2004, Charles G. Abdelnour was bestowed the honor of the "Significant Sig Award" from his fraternity, Sigma Chi, which recognizes great achievement in a member's professional career and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this year Charles G. Abdelnour will celebrate his thirtieth anniversary with the City of San Diego, and will be joined on September 30, 2004, by family, colleagues, and friends for a special dinner to honor him for his many years of service to the San Diego community; 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 Charles G. Abdelnour for his thirty years of dedicated service to the City of San Diego and for his exemplary commitment to the citizens of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 20, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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