

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299658

ADOPTED ON SEP 20 2004

WHEREAS, the MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY was founded in 1942, and since that time has sought to bring together clients, families, professionals, providers, community leaders, and the general public to collaborate, cooperate, and ensure available, affordable health care to all citizens and is dedicated to promote mental disorders and achieve victory over mental illness through advocacy, education, research, and service; and

WHEREAS, A NEW PATH (PARENTS FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT AND HEALING) is a nonprofit, voluntary organization of concerned parents of individuals suffering with the disease of addiction, partnering with health care professionals, the justice system, recovering addicts, and concerned members of society to seek a better understanding of the illness, with a goal to reduce recidivism, save lives, heal families, and move toward a healthier society; and

WHEREAS, the MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY and A NEW PATH work to reinforce the ideals and goals to reach out to a young adult struggling with alcohol or drug addiction, provide support and needed treatment to people with severe mental illness, help families get back on track when they experience the devastation of the disease of addiction, and help individuals face the social and emotional problems created by substance abuse and mental illness; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2004, the MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY and A NEW PATH will present its fifth annual "IT TAKES A COMMUNITY ... GALA" in conjunction with a day of reflection to inspire individuals to

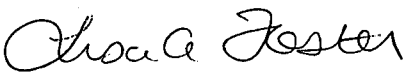
continue to work toward human rights and dignity and to celebrate rehabilitation and recovery;  
and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is committed to recognize and honor those organizations that are dedicated to create change in our society's understanding of addiction and mental illness, and the MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY and A NEW PATH are two such caring and worthy organizations; NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby commend the MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY and A NEW PATH for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment in the fight to improve the lives of individuals dealing with mental illness and the disease of addiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 11, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY and A NEW PATH'S 'IT TAKES A COMMUNITY ... GALA' DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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