

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300071

ADOPTED ON JAN 24 2005

WHEREAS, 1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetimes, and the majority of victims are stalked by someone they know; and

WHEREAS, 76 percent of women killed by an intimate partner had been stalked by that intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, 81 percent of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner; and

WHEREAS, stalking victims experience anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction, lost work hours and productivity, and severe depression at a much higher rate than the general population; and

WHEREAS, stalking victims are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, such as relocating, changing their address, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders; and

WHEREAS, stalking is a crime in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and under the laws of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to enhance the criminal justice system's response to stalking and stalking victims, including aggressive investigation and prosecution; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizen's of San Diego does hereby proclaim the month of January 2005 as "STALKING AWARENESS MONTH" in the City of San Diego.

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