

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300198

ADOPTED ON MAR 07 2005

WHEREAS, San Diego Opera was founded in 1950 to present San Francisco operatic productions in the San Diego community, and it became a producing company in its own right in 1965 with its first staging of *La bohème* in the new Civic Theatre; and

WHEREAS, currently, San Diego Opera is ranked by *OPERA AMERICA* as one of the top ten opera companies in the United States, and it is a widely respected member of the international opera community; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Opera was recently honored as one of thirteen Cornerstone Arts Organizations by the James Irvine Foundation, a foundation designed to promote the general welfare of Californians; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Opera's acclaimed productions regularly bring internationally renowned artists to perform in San Diego throughout their five month season; and

WHEREAS, each season, through the North American Voices Project, which became a model for opera companies throughout the United States, San Diego Opera adds contemporary American operas to complement its traditional repertoire; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Opera brings music and arts to 100,000 school children in San Diego County and Northern Mexico through Operation: Opera, an extensive and diverse opera education and outreach program; and

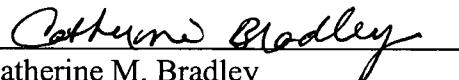
WHEREAS, this year San Diego Opera will celebrate its 40th anniversary; NOW,  
THEREFORE,

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 San Diego Opera for being an invaluable cultural resource in San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that March 7, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SAN DIEGO OPERA DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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