

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300260

ADOPTED ON APR 04 2005

WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of Southern California is an outstanding nonprofit health agency that serves the San Diego and Imperial Counties; and whose mission is to assist lupus patients and their families, to engage in programs aimed toward public awareness of lupus, and to obtain funds for lupus research; and

WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic, auto-immune disease that causes inflammation of various parts of the body, particularly the skin, joints, blood, and kidneys, and for some people lupus is a disease affecting only a few organs while for others it may cause serious and even life-threatening problems; and

WHEREAS, more than 16,000 Americans develop lupus each year and it is estimated that between 1.5 - 2 million Americans have been diagnosed with lupus and unfortunately thousands of people who suffer from lupus are unaware that they have the disease; and

WHEREAS, despite the large number of Americans being afflicted, few people understand the dangers of this confusing and incurable disease because symptoms of lupus are similar to other common illnesses and if left undetected or untreated, lupus can cause serious health problems, even death, although the majority of cases can be controlled with proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, although lupus is not infectious, rare, or cancerous, more people have lupus than AIDS, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, sickle-cell anemia, and cystic fibrosis combined; and

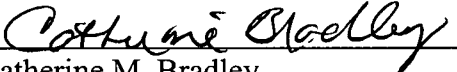
WHEREAS, to raise awareness and funds, "Lupus Alert Day" aims to inform and educate the public about the importance of early lupus detection and treatment and the City of San Diego is pleased to join in recognizing this day and encourages all City residents to learn about the warning signs of lupus; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring the many organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service, and the Lupus Foundation of Southern California is one such caring and worthy organization; 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 commend the Lupus Foundation of Southern California for it's continued commitment to educating and supporting those residents living with lupus in the County of San Diego and Imperial Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 1, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "LUPUS ALERT DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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