

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300458

ADOPTED ON MAY 23 2005

WHEREAS, Second Chance provides jobs, housing, and supportive services to homeless men, women, and youth; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Second Chance began offering the nationally recognized Strive job readiness program which provides attitudinal training, job placement, mental health counseling, career clothing, and two years of follow up services; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance has made a significant difference in San Diego by providing alcohol and drug-free housing, affordable housing placements, and well-being referrals; and

WHEREAS, more than 250 San Diego employers have hired Second Chance/Strive graduates. Over 1000 Strive graduates have found employment in spite of non-traditional working pasts including incarceration, homelessness, and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of Strive graduates secure employment after graduation and 80 percent of those graduates are still employed two years after their completion of the program; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance has six sober living facilities which now boast a 90 percent occupancy rate; and

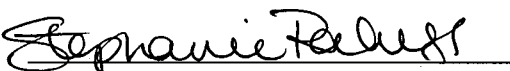
WHEREAS, Second Chance recently launched the Prisoner Reentry Employment Program designed to assist former prisoners in becoming effectively integrated into the mainstream workforce and community in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance creates opportunities for self-sufficiency by empowering people to change their lives; 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 the vital services that Second Chance has provided the citizens of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 23, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SECOND CHANCE DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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