## RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300466 ADOPTED ON MAY 2 3 2005

WHEREAS, San Diego's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth community will present its third annual SAN DIEGO YOUTH PRIDE on Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, 2005; and

WHEREAS, SAN DIEGO YOUTH PRIDE will kickoff on Friday night with a community "Family Outing" at the World Beat Center in Balboa Park from 6:00-10:00 p.m., featuring intergenerational activities, youth theater pieces, an art exhibit, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, SAN DIEGO YOUTH PRIDE will continue on Saturday with the Youth Pride "Operation Queer Freedom—Seeking Weapons of Mass Acceptance" Festival in the World Beat Center from noon to 6:00 p.m. which will include vendor booths, a creative art space, entertainment, and food and refreshments; and

WHEREAS, the mission of SAN DIEGO YOUTH PRIDE is to allow LGBT youth to proclaim their identities as young lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersexed, queer, or questioning people; to proclaim the space they inhabit without the threat of hate or violence; and to encourage understanding, cooperation, and diversity; and

WHEREAS, SAN DIEGO YOUTH PRIDE highlights appreciation for the diversity in our languages, cultures, and histories, and strives to build solidarity with the rest of the LGBT community as well as the non-LGBT allies in our schools and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, SAN DIEGO YOUTH PRIDE honors with joy the parents, siblings, teachers, and friends who support LGBT youth in becoming who they are meant to be, and who stand up for them when they face adversity; and

WHEREAS, SAN DIEGO YOUTH PRIDE celebrates the positive changes that have occurred for members of the LGBT community in society, in our cities, schools, and churches, and in our homes, and reinforces the hope that these dynamic strides will continue to foster respect and political equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, SAN DIEGO YOUTH PRIDE presents an opportunity for LGBT youth to shout out with pride in themselves and in their power to educate, offering a commitment and dedication to social change and an opportunity to groom youth to become leaders and role models in our schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, SAN DIEGO YOUTH PRIDE is a day to celebrate—to celebrate talent in dance, music, and poetry; to celebrate the diversity of our languages, cultures, and histories; and on this day created for youth by youth, to celebrate the joy and pride in being true to who they are as individuals and to both honor the past and look to the future; 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, commends SAN DIEGO YOUTH PRIDE for their commitment to San Diego's LGBT youth community and congratulates them on their third annual Youth Pride celebration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 14, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SAN DIEGO YOUTH PRIDE DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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