

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300512

ADOPTED ON JUN 13 2005

WHEREAS, the Old Globe Theatre, modeled after Shakespeare's Old Globe in London, was built in 1935 to present abridged versions of Shakespeare's plays as part of the California Pacific International Exposition; and

WHEREAS, after the Exposition the San Diego Community Theatre, a non-profit production corporation, leased the theatre and adjacent building from the City of San Diego and renovated the theatre for ongoing use; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 1937, the remodeled Old Globe Theatre opened with a production of John Van Druten's The Distaff Side; and

WHEREAS, in the cast of The Distaff Side was a young actor named Craig Noel, whose presence as an actor, director, and artistic leader would guide the theatre's growth through more than five decades of continuous productions, and whose role as Artistic Director continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, the generous contributions and volunteer efforts of San Diegans throughout the years supported this cultural institution, helped to rebuild the historical Old Globe Theatre when it was completely destroyed by an arson fire in 1978, and helped to fund an \$11 million enhancement and remodel to the Old Globe Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts complex in the early 1990s; and

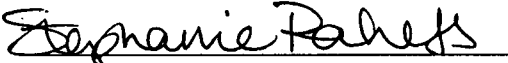
WHEREAS, the Old Globe Theatre's educational programs allow people of all ages and cultures to broaden their awareness and knowledge of theater and encourage them to apply the creative process to real life situations and issues to foster a sense of increased self-worth and creative achievement; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2005, the Old Globe Theatre will kick-off its 70th anniversary with an Open House; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize the Old Globe Theatre for being an invaluable cultural resource in San Diego and for greatly heightening San Diego's artistic reputation nationally and abroad.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 18, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"OLD GLOBE THEATRE 70TH ANNIVERSARY DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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