

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300592

ADOPTED ON JUN 27 2005

WHEREAS, the SPRECKELS ORGAN, which for 90 years in the heart of Balboa Park has engulfed listeners with its warm and uplifting tones, was donated to the people of San Diego by John D. and Adoph B. Spreckels in 1915, and is one of the great concert organs of the world; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Spreckels family was to inspire and enrich people worldwide with the presentation of great music; and

WHEREAS, the Spreckels Organ Society was founded in 1988 to assist the City of San Diego in its responsibility to use and preserve the Spreckels Organ by providing free concerts, open to all, and to promote the SPRECKELS ORGAN as a world treasure for all people; and

WHEREAS, diverse and creative programming is maintained by the Spreckels Organ Society through the performance of 52 Sunday concerts and nearly 100 overall performances each year, which are enjoyed by over 100,000 people and showcase many performers from the San Diego Symphony and San Diego Opera, as well as numerous schools and individual artists, representing the cultural diversity of the community; and

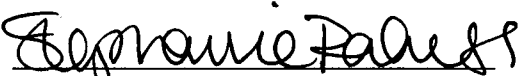
WHEREAS, the Spreckels Organ Society has issued several recordings and a book on the history of the organ, and aggressively promotes the organ as a tourist destination; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2005, the four living San Diego Civic Organists - Douglas Ian Duncan (1957-1978), Jared Jacobsen (1978-1984), Robert Plimpton (1984-2000), and Carol Williams (2000-present) - are inaugurating the 18th annual International Summer Organ Festival; 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 Spreckels Organ Society for its ongoing commitment to present internationally renown organists and organ music to the public at free concerts throughout the year, and congratulates them and the four Civic Organists for their outstanding efforts to preserve and promote the SPRECKELS ORGAN as it celebrates its 90th year of existence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, **"SPRECKELS ORGAN 90th ANNIVERSARY YEAR"** in the City of San Diego.

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