

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300664

ADOPTED ON JUL 18 2005

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2002, the City of San Diego, under the leadership of the City Attorney's Office and the Police Department and in association with over 24 public and private agencies, opened the San Diego Family Justice Center at 707 Broadway in downtown San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Family Justice Center is the most comprehensive facility of its kind in the United States of America, providing a "one stop service" delivery to victims of family violence; and

WHEREAS, each day over 120 family violence professionals and volunteers provide services to victims of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and sexual assault at the San Diego Family Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, each month the San Diego Family Justice Center provides services to over 600 women, men, and children; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Family Justice Center developed Camp Hope, located at City-owned Lake Sutherland, for victims of domestic violence and their children as part of the healing and therapeutic services offered by the Center; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Family Justice Center, including its recreational camping initiative—Camp Hope, has rapidly become an international model; and

WHEREAS, in October 2003, President Bush announced "The President's Family Justice Center Initiative" to create regional Family Justice Centers across America modeled after San Diego's premiere programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has been working in partnership with the County of San Diego to facilitate the creation of Family Justice Centers throughout the County in furtherance of a Regional Family Justice System that coordinates services for victims of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2004, the Mayor and City Council voted unanimously to establish the Family Justice Center Department to carry on with and further develop the considerable investment made by the City of San Diego while assuring continued benefits to the citizens of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego's unique relationship with the Borough of Croydon, in London, England, in the United Kingdom dates back to 1999 when early channels of communication began and training was subsequently provided by San Diegans to community leaders in the United Kingdom, including the recognition of domestic violence, strangulation injuries, and the mechanics of developing Family Justice Centers; and

WHEREAS, the international exchange of information and expertise among cities in the areas of domestic, family, and sexual violence can bring a wealth of understanding and effective treatment for these devastating, disheartening, and complex societal problems; and

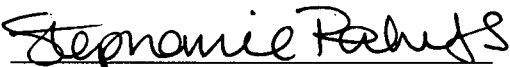
WHEREAS, the City of San Diego believes that forging an alliance between the San Diego Family Justice Center and the Family Justice Centre Croydon in London would mutually benefit the two cities, ultimately leading to an alliance of many Family Justice Centers around the world; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Family Justice Center Department will develop an exchange program between the San Diego Family Justice Center and the Family Justice Centre Croydon;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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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, is extraordinarily proud to announce the first International Family Justice Center Alliance with the Family Justice Centre Croydon located in the Borough of Croydon in London, England, United Kingdom.

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