

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300915

ADOPTED ON OCT 10 2005

WHEREAS, Sam Duran, founding Chief Executive Officer of the Urban Corps of San Diego, will be honored with the Community Service Award at the Festival de Septiembre ~ Feria de la Vida Mágica Gala 2005; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Sam Duran, the Urban Corps of San Diego, whose mission is to provide job training and educational opportunities to young adults, has been responsible for training, employing, and providing educational opportunities for 5,700 at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, Sam Duran has devoted more than thirty years of his life to empowering, advocating, and improving the lives of inner city youth and inspires leadership by helping young people provide for themselves through solid education and environmental job training within a structured environment; and

WHEREAS, Sam Duran has been a committed community leader, environmentalist, and activist, including his tenure as Academy Superintendent for the California Conservation Corps and as a board member of the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps; and

WHEREAS, Sam Duran also served as the Deputy Director of Eureka Communities, a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the capacity of executive directors of community-based organizations to improve the lives of children, youth, and families in need; and

WHEREAS, Sam Duran, a decorated Vietnam Veteran who holds a Bronze Star and an Air Force Commendation with two Oak leaf clusters, serves on the task force created to advise

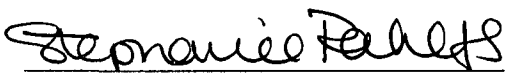
President Bill Clinton on AmeriCorps, the San Diego Juvenile Justice Prevention Commission, the Maritime Museum of San Diego, the Conservation Corps State Museum Board, the San Diego Riverpark Foundation Board, and the Farmworkers Institute for Education & Leadership Development; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2005, Sam Duran will be honored at the Festival de Septiembre ~ Feria de la Vida Mágica Gala 2005 to benefit the Chicano Federation of San Diego County and KSWB Cares for Kids; 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 Sam Duran and commend him for his dedication to inner city youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 24, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**SAM DURAN DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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