

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300916

ADOPTED ON OCT 10 2005

WHEREAS, the mission of the TIMKEN MUSEUM OF ART is to preserve the Putnam Foundation Collection of European and American art for the education and benefit of present and future generations of San Diego area residents and visitors, as well as to celebrate the important role of art as a way of enriching the lives and nurturing the creative spirit in all of us; and

WHEREAS, the TIMKEN MUSEUM OF ART has its roots in the serendipitous relationship between two sisters, Anne R. and Amy Putnam, and San Diego attorney Walter Ames; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam sisters spent decades acquiring European old master paintings, with the initial paintings from the collection having been donated to San Diego's Fine Arts Gallery, now known as the San Diego Museum of Art, and later acquisitions having been loaned to prestigious museums around the country until the TIMKEN MUSEUM OF ART opened in 1965; and

WHEREAS, the works in the Putnam Foundation Collection are primarily in three distinct areas: European old master paintings, 18th and 19th century American art, and Russian icons; and

WHEREAS, the TIMKEN MUSEUM OF ART has welcomed 3.5 million visitors, 250,000 of which have been school-aged visitors, highlighting the Museum's commitment to education; and

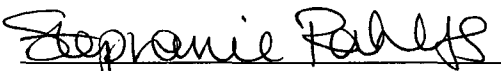
WHEREAS, the TIMKEN MUSEUM OF ART has organized over twenty-five scholarly exhibitions; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the TIMKEN MUSEUM OF ART will be held on October 1, 2005, in conjunction with the opening of the Rembrandt's Apostles Exhibit, which will run through January 15, 2006; 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 all those involved in reaching the 40th anniversary celebration of the TIMKIN MUSEUM OF ART.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 1, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "TIMKEN MUSEUM OF ART DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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