

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300923

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WHEREAS, the National Ataxia Foundation [NAF] strives to meet the goals of:

1. Location of patients and persons at risk- NAF encourages a complete neurological examination to make early and correct diagnosis;
2. Increased awareness about ataxia- NAF assures that accurate information about ataxia will be available through a variety of educational programs for physicians, allied health professionals, and the public;
3. Prevention of the spread of these disorders- NAF encourages genetic counseling to help affected individuals and families make informed decisions about family planning;
4. Research- In addition to its own research efforts, the NAF supports those research projects that are designed to better understand the pathology and cause of the ataxias, or to institute new treatments based upon scientific data. The NAF helps to coordinate research efforts into the causes and early detection of ataxia through existing centers throughout the world; and

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WHEREAS, ataxia is an often fatal degenerative neurological disorder that affects balance, coordination, and speech; and

WHEREAS, ataxia can strike anyone at any time, without regard to age, gender, race or creed; and

WHEREAS, there is NO known cure, the only defense is research and prevention through education; NOW, THEREFORE,

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, does hereby urge all citizens to honor and support those individuals with ataxia and their care givers, in the hope that a cure will soon be found.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 25, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"INTERNATIONAL ATAXIA AWARENESS DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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