

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300934

ADOPTED ON OCT 17 2005

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO has been a driving force behind the restoration of the Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre, which is a key element of the revitalization of the entire North Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO is the only performing arts organization in San Diego offering affordable, accessible operettas, operas, and musicals to a wide audience; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO provides educational opportunities to the public through children's programs, lectures, and other efforts; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO is a fiscally sound performing arts organization enjoying continued support from the San Diego community; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO provides a training ground for the best young vocal talent in San Diego, and its artists regularly go on to perform at some of the best theater and opera companies in the world; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO stages first-class productions of unusual and lesser-known works, including operettas, musicals, and operas by such composers as Gilbert & Sullivan, Rossini, Mozart, Britten, and many other significant contributors to the world of musical theater; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO performs its productions with a live orchestra and choristers drawn from the best professional musicians in San Diego County, providing a crucial outlet for their talents to be recognized; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO has enjoyed 25 years of successful performances in San Diego, first as the San Diego Gilbert & Sullivan Company, then as San Diego Comic Opera, and now as Lyric Opera San Diego; and

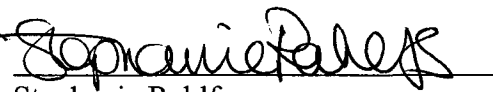
WHEREAS, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO has become the managing tenant of the renovated Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre, having raised funds for the rebirth of the theater, creating a state-of-the-art performing arts venue out of an architectural gem, and anchoring the redevelopment of one of San Diego's finest historic neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, with the opening night performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's wonderful classic "The Mikado," on October 14, LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO embarked on an exciting new phase of its history, taking its place with only 11 other opera companies in the U.S. that owns or operates its own performance venue; 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, hereby commends LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO for its commitment to the performing arts and wishes it well in its new home, the Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 17, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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