

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300936

ADOPTED ON OCT 17 2005

WHEREAS, George Saldamando, the Assistant Chief of Police, retires this year after more than 34 years on the force; and

WHEREAS, George was the highest ranking Latino officer at the San Diego Police Department where he spent 14 of his 34 years as an assistant chief; and

WHEREAS, George was born in San Diego, graduated from Crawford High School, and attended San Diego State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, George headed the State's first anti-gang unit with dozens of officers under his command; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, George was instrumental in developing the Department's policy on dealing with undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, George headed the Department's special operations, which included the SWAT team, the K9 units, and securing special events such as Padres games; and

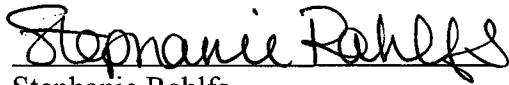
WHEREAS, George is actively involved in his community and has won numerous awards including the Community Leadership Award from the Chicano Federation, the Hispanic Vision Award, and the National Hispanic Heritage "Eagle Award" for Law Enforcement Leadership and Community Service; and

WHEREAS, George has worked tirelessly to overcome the ethnic and racial issues that have divided the Department for decades; 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 George Saldamando for his service and dedication to the citizens of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Monday, October 17, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"GEORGE SALDAMANDO DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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