

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300956

ADOPTED ON OCT 24 2005

WHEREAS, Councilmember Brian Maienschein and City Attorney Casey Gwinn combined two juvenile programs in October 2001 to create the City of San Diego Teen Court; and

WHEREAS, Teen Court is recognized for empowering youth in San Diego by holding young offenders accountable for their crimes, while teaching thousands of high school students about the criminal justice system and the consequences of their actions; and

WHEREAS, Teen Court holds sentencing hearings for first-time juvenile offenders where high school students serve as jurors, attorneys, bailiffs, and court clerks; and

WHEREAS, the sentences imposed by Teen Court juries are binding and require the offender to complete various tasks assigned by the jury, including letters of apology, community service, future Teen Court jury service, or imposed curfews; and

WHEREAS, each offender also appears before a Sanction Review Panel of other students to report on the progress of completing his or her sentence; and

WHEREAS, the increasing interest in Teen Court volunteers have led to the creation of two Teen Court clubs on the campuses of Torrey Pines High School and Scripps Ranch High School; and

WHEREAS, Teen Court continues to expand throughout the City of San Diego and currently serves over 200 offenders and their families each academic year, and trains

nearly 1,500 high school students in every City Council District on criminal justice issues;

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 proclaim October 24, 2005, to be "TEEN COURT DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By 
Stephanie Rahlfs
Deputy City Attorney

SR:jb
10/11/2005
Or.Dept:Council-Maienshcein
R-2006-356