

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **300964**

ADOPTED ON **OCT 24 2005**

WHEREAS, ALBERTO CORTÉS has been involved in San Diego's fight against AIDS since 1983, when he volunteered in some of the first efforts addressing the then nascent epidemic in San Diego, including the San Diego AIDS Information Line and San Diego AIDS Project; and

WHEREAS, ALBERTO CORTÉS has worked with HIV prevention education and HIV pre- and post-test counseling targeting high-risk segments of the Latino community in Southeast San Diego, City Heights, San Ysidro, Logan Heights, and Sherman Heights; and

WHEREAS, ALBERTO CORTÉS has been instrumental in the development, implementation, management, and evaluation of HIV prevention and outreach programs throughout San Diego; and

WHEREAS, in July 2002 ALBERTO CORTÉS became Executive Director of Mama's Kitchen which, in addition to delivering more than 317,000 hot meals and grocery bags in 2004, started a pantry service, Mama's Pantry, that serves approximately 250 clients each month; and

WHEREAS, ALBERTO CORTÉS sits on the board of directors of the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego and serves as President of the Board of Directors of McAlister Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high quality, low-cost substance abuse services in San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, ALBERTO CORTÉS has been an active member of the San Diego Ryan White CARE Act Title I/II HIV Health Services Planning Council and the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender [LGBT] Leadership Council since 1994; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2005, a community celebration will be held at Martini's Above Fourth in Hillcrest to honor ALBERTO CORTÉS for his long history of service to community organizations and causes and to celebrate the occasion of his 50th birthday; 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 ALBERTO CORTÉS for his hard work, dedication, and commitment to San Diego's HIV/AIDS and LGBT communities and congratulates him on the celebration of his 50th birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 10, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "ALBERTO CORTÉS DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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