

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **300967**

ADOPTED ON **OCT 24 2005**

WHEREAS, in 1959, at the age of 15, Linda Benson won the women's division at the Makaha International Surfing Championships; and

WHEREAS, Linda, a world champion and five time U.S. champion, was also the first female to surf Waimea Bay; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, at the age of 18, Linda was one of the best-known young women in surfing; and

WHEREAS, surfing among women became popular with the arrival of Hollywood movies such as "Gidget Goes Hawaiian," where Linda performed the surfing action sequences, and the Beach Party movies, where Linda performed as Annette Funicello's surfing double; and

WHEREAS, Linda continues to surf, as well as participate in fundraisers and exhibitions, while running SurfHer surf school in Encinitas, California; and

WHEREAS, the 7th Annual Women's World Longboard Championships will be held at San Diego's Ocean Beach Pier on October 21-23, 2005; and

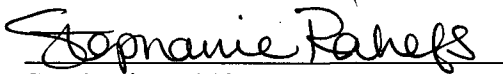
WHEREAS, this event, traditionally run by Hank Raymond and Richard Allred of Toes on The Nose, will be organized and run this year by Linda; and

WHEREAS, Linda has the assistance and support of women longboarders around the globe and this year's Championships will be the first world longboard surfing championship run by women, for women; 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 commend and thank Linda Benson for her commitment to the sport of women's longboard surfing and promoting the achievement of women in sports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 21, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"LINDA BENSON DAY"** in the City of San Diego,

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