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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300998

ADOPTED ON OCT 31 2005

WHEREAS, the Japanese Teahouse was built by the Japanese Government in 1915 for the Panama-California Exposition, was given to the City of San Diego and maintained by the Asakawa Family, and stood for more than thirty years within Balboa Park as a symbol of the strong cultural and commercial ties that link two of the world's leading nations; and

WHEREAS, from 1955 to 1978, key citizens of San Diego, together with the newly formed San Diego Yokohama Sister City Society and the City of San Diego, formulated a plan to restore the Japanese garden in Balboa Park, and worked through the 1980s on the design and construction, resulting in the first phase being completed in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Friendship Garden was designed to present an atmosphere of elegant simplicity and quiet beauty, while representing a new stage in the development of the Japanese Garden outside of Japan: design guided by the original principles of the Japanese garden, while incorporating the local regional landscape and climate; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Japanese Friendship Garden Society of San Diego is to create a Japanese-style garden with educational programs that will promote understanding of the Japanese culture among people from diverse ethnic backgrounds and cultures; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Friendship Garden, named "San-Kei-En: The Three Scene Garden," is one of the destinations selected most often by visitors to Balboa Park and is well-known for its Zen garden, Koi pond, and tree collections, as well as for its value as an

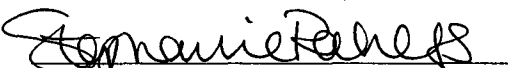
educational resource providing a variety of seminars, classes, and workshops and for its role offering accredited horticultural instruction through Cuyamaca Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Friendship Garden is celebrating its 90th anniversary on Friday, October 7, 2005; 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 all those involved in the preservation of the Japanese Friendship Garden and its important role in our region's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 7, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

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