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WHEREAS, DWIGHT YOAKAM, a Kentucky native who was raised in Ohio, blazed out of the Los Angeles club scene in 1986 with his debut album, *Guitars, Cadillacs, Etc. Etc.*, which went on to achieve double-platinum status, and which was followed up by a string of numerous multi-million selling albums throughout the 1980s and '90s; and

WHEREAS, DWIGHT YOAKAM has continued his record-selling prowess into the new millennium, being named by online retailer Amazon.com as the "Country Artist of the Year" in 2000, and placing two albums, *Tomorrow's Sounds Today* and *dwigthyoakamacoustic.net* on CD Now's "10 Essential Country Records of 2000"; and

WHEREAS, DWIGHT YOAKAM has been presented with two Grammy Awards and garnered 21 nominations in the course of his career, selling more than 23 million albums worldwide and earning praise from the likes of *Time* magazine, which hailed him as "A Renaissance Man"; *Rolling Stone*, which noted "he has no contemporary peer"; and *Vanity Fair*, which claimed "Yoakam strides the divide between rock's lust and country's lament"; and

WHEREAS, DWIGHT YOAKAM has also enjoyed a successful film career, garnering particular acclaim for his role as Doyle Hargraves in the 1996 Oscar-winning *Sling Blade*, for which he was honored with the Premiere Performance Award recognizing outstanding, breakthrough performances in film; turning in memorable performances in *Red Rock West*, *The Newton Boys*, *The Minus Man*, *Panic Room*, *Hollywood Homicide*, and *Bandidas*; the recently acclaimed Cannes Film Festival hit *The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada*; and as the director of *South of Heaven*, *West of Hell*; and

WHEREAS, in November 2002, Rhino Records commemorated DWIGHT YOAKAM's groundbreaking career with the release of the definitive four-disc box set *Reprise Please Baby: The Warner Bros. Years*, and to further solidify his musical legacy, he was honored with his own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in ceremonies held June 5, 2003; and

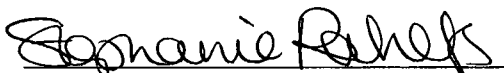
WHEREAS, DWIGHT YOAKAM continues to release hit records, including 2003's *Population: Me*, which featured the #1 Country Music Television video hit "The Back of Your Hand," along with follow-up hits *Dwight's Used Records— a 2004* compilation of previously released material— as well as a remastered retrospective package titled *The Very Best of Dwight Yoakam*, and the recent critically acclaimed *Blame the Vain*; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, December 4, DWIGHT YOAKAM will bring his current "Blame the Vain" tour to Pala Casino for a one-night performance in the Pala Events Center;
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 the outstanding contributions of DWIGHT YOAKAM to country music, film, and the American artistic and cultural landscape.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that December 4, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**DWIGHT YOAKAM DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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