RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 301398

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAY 1 0 2006

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross continues to play an essential humanitarian role in our community, and this year, as we celebrate its 125th anniversary, we take this opportunity to honor the contributions of the San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter to help make our community and America a stronger, safer and more prepared place; and

WHEREAS, since 1898, the Red Cross in San Diego has led the effort to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies, becoming the place where compassionate people freely give their time, talent and donations to help prevent and ease human suffering among friends, neighbors, and even strangers; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma dwarfed even the intense Florida hurricanes of 2004, destroying communities and uprooting families, adding to the misery already caused by the unimaginable tsunami in the South Pacific and the devastating wildfires of 2003 here at home, further underscoring the role the Red Cross plays in our everyday lives as so many of our neighbors, near and far, needed help in so many ways; and

WHEREAS, while major national and international disasters dominate our headlines, our local Red Cross chapter responds to local emergencies nearly every 24 hours, assisting hundreds of families as they deal with their own disasters and providing emergency social services to thousands of deployed military personnel and their families, lifesaving skills, training in disaster preparedness, CPR, first aid and aquatics to more than 165,000 community members, and

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providing nutritional counseling to thousands of women, infants and children under the age of 5;

and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the

San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross to build a better quality

of life in San Diego, we must also look forward and each do our part to ensure that the Red Cross

remains ready to assist us all in becoming "America's Most Prepared Community" so we can

confidently face the unknown challenges that lie ahead; 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, commends the San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter of the

American Red Cross for its ongoing role in responding to emergencies at the local, state, national

and international levels; and salutes the staff, board, donors and countless volunteers who give

selflessly of themselves to help people in need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 2, 2006 be and is hereby proclaimed to be.

"AMERICAN RED CROSS-SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL COUNTIES CHAPTER DAY" in

the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of the City of 2 2006.

	ELIZABETH S. MALAND City Clerk		
	By Maurel E. Ketelram. Deputy City Clerk		
Approved: <u>6-10-06</u> (date)	JERRY SANDERS, Mayor		
Vetoed:(date)	JERRY SANDERS, Mayor		

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