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WHEREAS, we celebrate the accomplishments of MARTHA LONGENECKER's career in art as an artist and craftsman in ceramics, educator as professor of art emeritus at San Diego State University, and founding president and director emerita of Mingei International Museum; and

WHEREAS, MARTHA LONGENECKER studied art with a minor in English from the University of California at Los Angeles; attended Claremont Graduate School where she received an art education credential and a master of fine arts degree; and later established her own ceramics studio in Claremont, California, where she, from 1944-1964, made wheel-thrown stoneware forms which were exhibited nationally through Dalzell Hatfield Galleries; and

WHEREAS, MARTHA LONGENECKER founded Mingei International Museum in San Diego in 1974 as a nonprofit, public foundation dedicated to furthering the understanding of art of people from all cultures of the world, and the organization built and established the Museum of World Folk Art in University Towne Centre in 1978; and

WHEREAS, during her 27-year tenure from 1978 to 2005 as director of Mingei International Museum, MARTHA LONGENECKER designed 128 dynamic, changing exhibitions of the "arts of the people," drawing from Mingei International's permanent collection and other museum and private collections, and also oversaw the production of 33 exhibition

documentary publications and 19 broadcast-quality videotapes which provide information to a worldwide audience; and

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WHEREAS, MARTHA LONGENECKER, as founding president and director of Mingei International Museum, was a strong, creative force in a successful \$8 million capital campaign that was completed in 1997 to assist with the build-out of their 41,000 square-foot museum facility on the Plaza de Panama in Balboa Park which opened August 8, 1996, and was a driving force behind the coordination of plans for the retrofit and renovation of a 21,000 square-foot property in Escondido, California, which on December 3, 2003, was opened as the Mingei International North County facility to the public; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, MARTHA LONGENECKER expanded the museum's education programs and permanent collection of more than 16,000 art objects from cultures throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, MARTHA LONGENECKER was awarded The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette by the Emperor of Japan in 2003 and, in 2005, was named an Honorary Fellow of the American Craft Council; and

WHEREAS, a celebration is planned for May 21, 2006, to honor and celebrate the distinguished career of MARTHA LONGENECKER; 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, congratulates MARTHA LONGENECKER on her retirement and commends her for her efforts to increase the understanding and appreciation of international art of the people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 16, 2006, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "MARTHA LONGENECKER DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

Approved: <u>\$-19-06</u> (date)

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