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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 301510
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WHEREAS, THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE [IRC] SAN DIEGO office was founded in 1975 and initially served refugees from Vietnam and other South-East Asian countries following the fall of Saigon; and

WHEREAS, in the 30 years since the founding of THE IRC SAN DIEGO, the organization has resettled more than 20,000 refugees from 27 countries around the world, who, fleeing war and persecution, have often spent many long years in refugee camps and arrive in San Diego with little more than the clothes on their backs; and

WHEREAS, THE IRC SAN DIEGO provides refugees with the tools and services necessary to tackle the arduous task of rebuilding their lives in an unfamiliar country, and the services provided by the organization help refugees become productive members of the communities of San Diego and attain economic self-sufficiency quickly; and

WHEREAS, each year THE IRC SAN DIEGO assists between 400 and 600 new arrivals with resettlement services that range from airport reception to finding accommodation to health screenings and enrolling children at school, and the organization continues to aid refugees along the road of fully rebuilding their lives; and

WHEREAS, on average, THE IRC SAN DIEGO office serves a total of 2,000 individuals annually with 14 programs designed to assist employable adults, aspiring business owners, high school youth, and women with children, including a mother/preschooler ESL & life skills program, an after-school youth program, job development services, an economic development and small business development program, and a citizenship program; and

WHEREAS, THE IRC SAN DIEGO is part of the International Rescue Committee, a world leader in providing rescue and relief services to refugees currently at work in 25 countries around the globe and in 23 regional offices throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, THE IRC SAN DIEGO was founded in 1933 at the suggestion of Albert Einstein and in a recent 12-month period directly aided 11 million war-affected individuals as well as 1,600 local organizations worldwide; and

WHEREAS, as part of the ongoing celebration of their 30th anniversary, on May 17, 2006, THE IRC SAN DIEGO will host the opening night of "America's Schindler: The Untold Story of Varian Fry" at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center in UTC; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby commends THE IRC SAN DIEGO for their ongoing and outstanding commitment to help San Diego area refugees become productive, self-sufficient members of the communities into which they are relocated, and for the compassion, efficiency and flexibility the organization continues to exhibit as they carry out their mission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 17, 2006, be and is hereby proclaimed to be,
"THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE SAN DIEGO DAY" in the City of San
Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By *Catherine Bradley*
Catherine Bradley
Chief 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 MAY 30 2006.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By *Elizabeth Maland*
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6-7-06
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

MAY 30 2006

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on _____, by the following vote:

Council Members	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Ineligible
Scott Peters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Faulconer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni Atkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anthony Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Maienschein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donna Frye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Madaffer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ben Hueso	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage JUN 07 2006

AUTHENTICATED BY:

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JERRY SANDERS
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Debbie Swenson-Cruz, Deputy

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