

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 301864
DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 19 2006

WHEREAS, North Park Lions Club, a charter from the National Association of Lions Clubs, celebrated its 80th Anniversary on Saturday, July 8, 2006, at the clubhouse located at 3927 Utah Street; and

WHEREAS, North Park Lions Club, the second Lions Club in San Diego, established on May 18, 1926, met weekly at the Plymouth Congregational Church at Pershing and University for its first seven years. At the time, Jack Hartley served as the first president of the club. During the depression years the Club held annual canned food matinees at the North Park Theatre and many needy families were supplied with food, not only at Thanksgiving and Christmas, but at other times as well; and

WHEREAS, in 1940, the North Park Lions Club purchased an old hall on 28th Street at a cost of \$2,800. The clubhouse was redecorated and a new dance floor was installed for USO dance nights. The new clubhouse was a great success; however, it was destroyed by a fire on March 6, 1943; and

WHEREAS, following the fire, North Park Lions Club held their meetings at various locations throughout North Park until the club started meeting at Saint Luke's Church in 1944 and continued at that location for the next five years. During this time the club continued to grow and reached a membership of 125 members. It soon became evident that a larger meeting place was needed and, in January 1948, the club purchased the property located at 3927 Utah

Street, its current location. In December 1948, club members attended a ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the clubhouse and on May 27, 1949, a grand opening was held for what is now the North Park Clubhouse; and

WHEREAS, during the war years, the North Park Lions Club kept busy sponsoring USO shows and dances at its current location, 3927 Utah Street. With the end of the war a report was made that over the 23 months that it was in operation, they held 104 dances and that 92,800 servicemen were entertained; and

WHEREAS, a North Park Lioness Club was organized on March 2, 1947, and was active until 1973. In February 1987 the North Park Lions admitted the first women members. In July 1992, Lion Wilma Knott became the first woman to be elected president of the North Park Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, since the earliest days of Lionism, when Helen Keller challenged them to be "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness," the basic tenet of Lionism has been sight preservation and working with the blind and the visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, North Park Lions Club has continued its leadership of the past 77 years by actively supporting the following organizations: Service Center for the Blind, The Blind Community Center, Lions Optometric Clinic, the Southern California Lion Eye Institute, The Shirley Eye Clinic, and the KPBS-FM Radio Reading Service for the blind. Also, Elderhelp, Ruth Hendrick's, Special Delivery Meals, Meals-on Wheels, North Park Little League, Boy Scout Troop 53, and the North Park Toyland Parade; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of the City of San Diego, does hereby commend the staff, board members, volunteers, sponsors, and participants of North Park Lions Club for their outstanding service, leadership, commitment, and generosity to those in need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that August 8, 2006, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "NORTH PARK LIONS CLUB DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Catherine M. Bradley
Catherine M. 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 SEP 12 2006

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 9.19.06
(date)

[Signature]
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on SEP 12 2006, 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"/>
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Date of final passage _____

AUTHENTICATED BY:

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

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

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By *Mary Cepeda*, Deputy

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