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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302507

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 19 2007

WHEREAS, Autism is a life-long, complex, neurobiological disorder; and

WHEREAS, Autism impairs a person's ability to communicate and relate to others, and while it is associated with rigid routines and repetitive behaviors, symptoms can range from very mild to quite severe; and

WHEREAS, Autism is part of a group of disorders known as Autism Spectrum Disorders; and

WHEREAS, Autism is the fastest growing health issue facing children today, with 1 in 150 children being diagnosed, and it is more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, Autism occurs in all racial, ethnic and social groups; yet it is four times more likely to occur in boys than girls; and

WHEREAS, Autism costs the nation over \$90 billion per year, a figure which is expected to double in the next decade; but research funding for autism is less than 5 percent of the funding for many less prevalent childhood diseases; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Chapter of the Autism Society of America [SDASA] is a chapter of the national organization, Autism Society of America; it serves as the voice and resource of the local autism community; and its members include parents, relatives, friends, advocates, medical professionals, and educators throughout San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the SDASA is committed to expanding resources for families within the community, has donated funds and materials for libraries at both the Exceptional Family Resource Center and Children's Hospital, and SDASA has developed recreational programs such as Camp I CAN, a summer day camp for children and teens with Autism Spectrum Disorders offered each year through the Mission Valley YMCA; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim April 2007 to be "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" in the City of San Diego and does hereby commend the San Diego County Chapter of the Autism Society of America for providing much needed resources for families and for raising awareness of autism.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Catherine M. Bradley
Catherine M. Bradley
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept: Frye

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of APR 10 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Jana Richardson
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 4.19.07
(date)

Jerry Sanders
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor