

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302558

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 27 2007

WHEREAS, Verna King served as a special education teacher and parent counselor at Memorial Junior High School for thirty years where she facilitated parents' participation in the education of their children, connected them with needed social services and motivated them toward careers and job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Verna King has been instrumental in increasing the Democratic Party's presence in San Diego. She held the first Democratic Coffee Klatch in San Diego and hosted numerous political fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, from 1948 to 1955 Ms. King managed local, state, and national campaigns for well-known Democratic candidates, including Presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson, Senator John Sparkman, Governor Pat Brown, Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin, Mayor Tom Bradley and Presidential candidate Walter Mondale; and

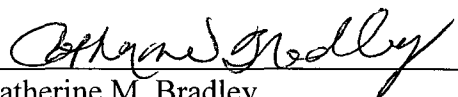
WHEREAS, over the years, Ms. King served in numerous leadership positions within the Democratic Party that made a critical difference within American politics including service on the California State Committee beginning in the early 1950s, service on the Democratic Central Committee, and service as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention starting in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Ms. King also served as vice chair of the 79th Assembly District Committee, and was a charter member of the San Diego Council of Democratic Women, later the San Diego Democratic Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, Ms. King is a change agent, educator, role model and political activist who has received numerous accolades for her service to the Democratic Party including the Jefferson Jackson Chair of the Year, Henry Auerbach Award and the Peter Chacon Award. In 2006, she was honored for her service with a lifetime membership in the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee. She was further honored by the San Diego Democratic Women's Club with the creation of a scholarship fund in her name; 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, does hereby proclaim April 14, 2007 to be "**VERNA KING DAY**" in the City of San Diego in recognition of her dedication to the community and the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By 
Catherine M. Bradley
City Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept:Council Young
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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 APR 24 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Mary Zumaya
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 4-27-07
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor