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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302741

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 27 2007

WHEREAS, Brian Bennett received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Loyola University of Los Angeles in 1971 and continued his education at the University of San Francisco at the Institute for Catholic Education Leadership, completed a Fellowship at St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia and received his Juris Doctorate from the Loyola University of Los Angeles School of Law in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett is currently the Director of the Western Region of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers, which is a non-profit organization providing technical assistance, policy direction and on-going training and support for charter school authorizers, including state Departments of Education, universities and individual school districts; and

WHEREAS, he is also currently the Director of the Office of School Choice at the San Diego Unified School District, where he helped facilitate the "No Child Left Behind" Working Group and where he recently monitored the opening of 15 charter schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett has been a dedicated educator for nearly 30 years, spending 18 of those years as the principal at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in the El Cerrito community in City Council District Seven; and

WHEREAS, he served for nine years on the Human Relations Commission, where he was Chair for two terms and received the inaugural "Community Peacemaker of the Year" Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett is trained as a mediator and was recognized by the United States Secret Service for his mediation activities with community protest groups during the 1996 Republican Convention; and

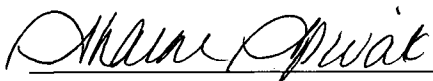
WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett is a lecturer and a visiting instructor on Catholic education and leadership at various institutions throughout the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett has committed many years of dedication to the San Diego community, including service on the San Diego State University Redevelopment Project Area Committee, the College Area Community Council, the San Diego Community College District's Citizens' Advisory Committee, the San Diego Police Department Citizens' Advisory Committee, the Elders' Advisory Group – Mid City for Youth, the Board of Trustees at St. Augustine High School and the Neighborhood House Association Project Head Start Advisory Committee;

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, recognizes and salutes Brian Bennett for his invaluable service to the citizens of the City of San Diego and does hereby proclaim June 19, 2007 to be **“BRIAN BENNETT DAY”** in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By 
Sharon B. Spivak
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 JUN 19 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Mary Zumaya
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6-27-07
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor