

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302780

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 29 2007

WHEREAS, Nico Ferraro served as steamfitter apprentice with United Association Local 638 in New York City, New York for five years, beginning in June of 1971; and

WHEREAS, Nico Ferraro's political activism caught the attention of Local 230's officers and was elected to the Executive Board in 1989; three years later, he was elected to serve as Pipefitter Business Representative until he was appointed to Business Manager in 1997; and

WHEREAS, as Business Manager, Nico Ferraro focused on organizing, training and political action; he has always been dedicated to improving the wages, pension and working conditions of his membership and demonstrating to all of San Diego the benefits of union membership; and

WHEREAS, Nico Ferraro has publicly spoken before the Industrial Welfare Commission, the California Apprenticeship Council, church groups and community colleges on the benefits of being a union member; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the San Diego Building Trades honored Nico Ferraro as the John Lyons Labor Leader of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gray Davis appointed Nico Ferraro to the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Board, where he determined the wages, work hours and working conditions for the mining, drilling and construction industries; and

WHEREAS, Nico Ferraro is the past President of the California State Pipe Trades and served on the Board of Directors of Construction Tech Arms from 2002 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, for the past ten years, as Local 230's Business Manager, Nico Ferraro has represented the various divisions of the 1600-member local union as their Trustee to the pension, health and welfare funds, Secretary to the Joint Apprenticeship Committee, President of the Southern California Pipe Trades District Council #16, President of the San Diego Building Trades and as an Executive Board member to the Central Labor Council; and

WHEREAS, Nico Ferraro was recently elected as a delegate from the 77th Assembly District to the California State Democratic Party, receiving the highest number of votes; and

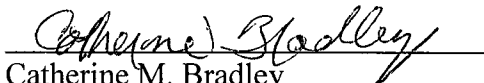
WHEREAS, Nico Ferraro has been honored as "Labor Leader of the Year" by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council at the 19th Annual "Awards In Excellence" Dinner;

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 commend Nico Ferraro for his passionate commitment toward increasing awareness about the benefits of union membership within the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 9, 2007, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "NICO FERRARO DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By   
Catherine M. Bradley  
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept:Council-Atkins  
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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 26 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By *Mary Sumaya*  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6-29-07  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor