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WHEREAS, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community is very diverse, differing greatly on the cause and degree of hearing loss, age at the onset, educational background, communication methods, and how they feel about their hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, Deafness occurs in all racial, ethnic and social groups, and is misunderstood by many as a disability that severely limits those who are Deaf, despite many success stories that come from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community; and

WHEREAS, San Diego has a huge Deaf and Hard of Hearing community throughout the City and County that is independent and self-reliant; and

WHEREAS, Deaf and Hard of Hearing men and women around the country are destroying many of the attitudinal barriers that have likewise limited their opportunities for educational and economic advancement; and

WHEREAS, while Deafness impairs a person's ability to hear others, Deaf people do not allow this loss of ability to prevent them from succeeding in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Deaf Community Services of San Diego is a non-profit organization of, by, and for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, offering services to anyone regardless of race, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation or physical/mental handicap; and


WHEREAS, Deaf Community Services of San Diego is committed to enriching the lives of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people by providing services, education and advocacy that promote independence, opportunity, accessibility, and diversity; and

WHEREAS, Deaf Community Services of San Diego is hosting its annual Deaf Awareness Day to raise funding and awareness for resources that they provide to the Deaf community; and

WHEREAS, friends of the Deaf community recognize that "Deaf People Can Do Anything Except Hear;" 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 San Diego, does hereby proclaim September 29, 2007, to be "DEAF AWARENESS DAY" in the City of San Diego and does hereby commend Deaf Community Services of San Diego and recognize the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community as a valuable cultural and linguistic group.

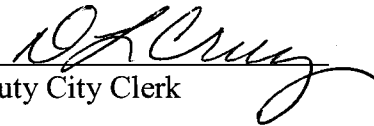
APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

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 OCT - 9 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10.18.07
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor