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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303078  
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WHEREAS, in 1948, the San Diego Junior Theatre Wing of the Old Globe Theatre was established at the suggestion of Craig Noel, the resident director; and

WHEREAS, as Junior Theatre continued to flourish, it moved to Balboa Park's old Food and Beverage building for its new rehearsal space with shows staged in the Recital Hall and the Puppet Theatre; and

WHEREAS, by 1951, the San Diego Parks and Recreation Department took over sponsorship of the junior theatre program, and two years later the Civic Conservatory of Theatre Arts for Youth (produced by the San Diego Junior Theatre) was incorporated; and

WHEREAS, during the 1971-72 season, San Diego Junior Theatre moved to its current home in the Casa del Prado Theatre; and

WHEREAS, today, San Diego Junior Theatre operates as an independent, nonprofit organization for the benefit of children throughout San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, with locations at Balboa Park's historic Casa del Prado, in the heart of Downtown Chula Vista, and in North County at the La Jolla YMCA Firehouse, San Diego Junior Theatre offers more than 200 classes and has entertained over one million audience members; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Junior Theatre is the oldest continuing children's theatre program in the country with many celebrity alumni, including Victor Buono, Dennis Hopper, Raquel Welch and Brian Stokes Mitchell (the 1999 Tony award winner for Kiss Me Kate); and

WHEREAS, this past season, San Diego Junior Theatre produced 13 main-stage shows featuring actors and actresses ages 8 to 18; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Junior Theatre boasts a wonderful staff of teaching artists and directors who go beyond teaching their students the art of theatre and inspire confidence that will stay with them for life; and

WHEREAS, with the help of its growing corporate sponsorship program, education and entertainment services are now offered to school and community groups in Balboa Park and throughout San Diego County; 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 San Diego Junior Theatre for 60 years of engaging, innovative, high-quality theatre education and productions for children of all cultural heritages, ages, abilities and levels of interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 16, 2007, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "SAN DIEGO JUNIOR THEATRE DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

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Chief 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 16 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 11-5-07  
(date)

  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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