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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303150

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WHEREAS, a third-generation native San Diegan, Amy Finley was born at Mercy Hospital and grew up cooking in her grandmother's North Park kitchen; and

WHEREAS, Amy Finley later moved with her family in Jamul and then Mount Helix where she discovered a love for the outdoors and for growing food that would have a profound impact on her cooking; and

WHEREAS, by the time she was in high school, Amy Finley was preparing delicious meals for her four sisters and three brothers; and

WHEREAS, Amy Finley attended UCLA and studied political science and after graduation worked for the UCLA Office of Federal Relations and the UCSD San Diego Supercomputer Center; and

WHEREAS, while working as a science writer and government relations coordinator for UCSD, Amy Finley began to explore freelance writing and editing for a food and wine magazine; and

WHEREAS, the experience crystallized her interest in food and cooking, prompting her to move to Paris where she attended culinary school at Gregoire-Ferrandi; and

WHEREAS, at Gregoire-Ferrandi, Amy Finley met her husband, a Paris native who had grown up in San Diego and even attended the same high school as Amy Finley; and

WHEREAS, since graduating from culinary school, Amy Finley worked as a pastry chef at Laurel Restaurant and Bar and, after the birth of her first child, moved to Paris to work at an

organic bakery and café, deepening her devotion to cooking fresh and sophisticated, but uncomplicated food; and

WHEREAS, after returning to San Diego and welcoming a second child, Amy Finley expanded her writing career by working for Décor & Style Magazine, in part as a San Diego restaurant reviewer; and

WHEREAS, although she had never considered a career in television, in 2006 Amy Finley submitted a tape to Food Network for the third season of its hit reality series, The Next Food Network Star, proposing a show that was based on her unique style of French-influenced and family-friendly food; and

WHEREAS, Amy Finley was selected as a participant and, after a tumultuous season, named the winner, receiving as an award her own six-episode show on the network; and

WHEREAS, that show, The Gourmet Next Door, debuted October 14, 2007, on Food Network, and features, among other recipes, Amy Finley demystifying bistro dishes and acquainting viewers with the kind of San Diego-style Mexican dishes she enjoyed while growing up; and

WHEREAS, Amy Finley is proud to represent the friendly, unpretentious, and adventurous spirit of San Diego on national television and looks forward to deepening her ties to the food world in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, we congratulate Amy Finley and her family for her success and thank her for representing San Diego to the world through her first-class culinary skills; 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 October 23, 2007 to be "AMY FINLEY DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Catherine M. Bradley
Catherine M. Bradley
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 ~~NOV - 6 2007~~.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 11.16.07
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor