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WHEREAS, Al Pavich was born in South Gate, California; and

WHEREAS, after immediately enlisting in the Navy in 1968, Al Pavich reported to Vietnam and served on various units for nine years; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Al Pavich was advanced to Chief Petty Officer and in 1978 received a direct commission as an Ensign Limited Duty Officer, retiring as a Commander in 1998 after 30 years of service; and

WHEREAS, his awards include the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, two Combat Action Ribbons, and eight Vietnam Service Medals, among 27 other awards; and

WHEREAS, after taking over as President and CEO of Veterans Village of San Diego [VVSD], which has been nationally recognized as the best solution to homeless veterans and their families in August 1998, Al Pavich oversaw an aggressive vision of building a new VVSD facility, replacing the old 87 early treatment bed facility with a 224 early treatment bed facility, a dining hall, two counseling centers, and 24 three bedroom apartments for low income sober living for their graduates; and

WHEREAS, VVSD operates seven locations through out San Diego County, setting a gold standard for treatment of homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, during Al Pavich's tenure, VVSD has won numerous awards, including the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Member Organization of the Year, the San Diego Housing Federation Outstanding Achievement in Affordable Housing and Community Development, the Mental Health Services Award for Dedication and Commitment to the Parolee Partnership Program, the California Employers Advisory Council Veteran Employer of the Year, the Veterans Memorial Center County Service Organization of the Year, and the Channel 10 Non-Profit Organization of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Al Pavich's work has positively altered the lives of hundreds of veterans and provided a model affordable housing project in San Diego; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim December 4, 2007 to be "AL PAVICH DAY" in the City of San Diego and thank him for his leadership and service to the community.

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