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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303319
DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JAN 29 2008

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Morris has been described as San Diego's "housing missionary" and has been persistent and successful in her calling to develop better communities and affordable homes for low-income families, seniors, veterans and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Morris holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she also studied at the graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Housing Commission, Elizabeth Morris spent five years helping create the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego and two years as an urban planner with a Los Angeles consulting firm; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Morris joined the Housing Commission as a housing development specialist in 1979, shortly after the agency was formed, and quickly assumed the role of Deputy Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, since becoming President and Chief Operating Officer of the San Diego Housing Commission in 1994, Elizabeth Morris has more than doubled the size of the agency, which began with an annual budget of \$95 million and is now operating with a \$230 million budget, and has expanded the agency's role and mission to encompass three areas of work: first, as a traditional public housing agency; second, as a housing and finance partner; and third, as a policy advisor; and

WHEREAS, with an impressive career that has spanned over thirty-five years, Elizabeth Morris is admired locally and nationally as a leader in the affordable housing and community development field; and

WHEREAS, during her twenty-eight-year career at the San Diego Housing Commission, it is estimated that Elizabeth Morris has helped more than 750,000 low-income individuals with affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, of her major accomplishments at the San Diego Housing Commission, Elizabeth Morris is most proud of helping create a local affordable housing trust fund, successfully advocating for inclusionary zoning and building collaborations to house individuals with special needs; and

WHEREAS, as a national leader in affordable housing, Elizabeth Morris chairs the Legislative Network for the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and is past chair of its national housing policy committee; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Morris is president of Housing Development Partners, former president of the California Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, member of Lambda Alpha International, serves on numerous local boards and has been honored by various civic organizations for her contributions; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Elizabeth Morris was inducted into the California Housing Hall of Fame and received the M. Justin Herman Memorial Award, which is the highest lifetime achievement honor given by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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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 commend and thank Elizabeth C. Morris for the imprint she has left on the City of San Diego and the countless amount of San Diegans she has helped find affordable housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that January 15, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "**ELIZABETH C. MORRIS DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Sharon B. Spivak
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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 JAN 15 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Elizabeth S. Maland
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 1-29-08
(date)

Jerry Sanders
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor