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WHEREAS, in 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Civilian Conservation

Corps as a means to combat the poverty and unemployment faced by millions in the Great

Depression; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Corps of San Diego County [Urban Corps] was created in 1989 by local community leaders and elected officials as an heir to this legacy, and has served as a bridge to a better life for thousands of inner-city youth; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Corps provides job training and educational opportunities to young adults in the fields of conservation, recycling and community service, which assist youth in becoming more employable, while protecting San Diego's natural resources and instilling the importance of community involvement; and

WHEREAS, members of the Urban Corps contribute greatly to our communities and complete 9,000 hours of volunteer service and remove 4.3 million square feet of graffiti annually, and have planted 6,800 trees and collected 14 million pounds of recyclables to date; and

WHEREAS, following the devastating Cedar Fire in 2003, Urban Corps members played an integral role in recovery programs, working throughout San Diego County on emergency response teams to provide erosion control and habitat restoration, and stand ready to assist in recovery efforts in the wake of the 2007 Wildfires; and

WHEREAS, to date, more than 4,000 young people have benefited from the Urban Corps visionary civic platform of earning, learning and conserving and 1,237 corps members have obtained their high school diplomas; and

WHEREAS, the next step for Urban Corps is the creation of a fully integrated, green modeled state-of-the-art learning laboratory where corps members will be guaranteed a safe and accessible learning environment and will be exposed to the latest technology available within the environmental industries so that they may powerfully charge into their futures in the workforce; 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, proclaims December 14, 2007 to be "URBAN CORPS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY DAY" in the City of San Diego and recognizes and salutes the organization for nearly 20 years of bridging youth, employment, education and civic responsibility with the environment.

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