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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303358

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WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Riedel began as an editor and technical writer for The American Medical Association, Science Research Associates, and other trade publications in Chicago, where she began volunteering at settlement houses and community centers tutoring and counseling children and adolescents from Chicago's public housing projects; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Riedel soon began working full time in the first United States community mental health center and became an advocate for "community based care," delivering mental health care to those in need; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of her Master's of Arts degree at the University of Chicago, Dr. Ruth Riedel became Deputy Director of the Institute for Juvenile Research; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Riedel's position quickly grew in scope to include Director of Community Services for the Connecticut Department of Mental Health; Research Associate and Study Director at Yale University, where she began doctoral studies in organization and management; and Assistant Professor at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of Washington, Seattle; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, Dr. Ruth Riedel held positions at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kaiser Family Foundation and The Silicon Valley Foundation, where she developed and managed grant writing in health, human services and the arts; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Dr. Ruth Riedel assumed her leadership role with the Alliance Healthcare Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance Healthcare Foundation is one of San Diego's largest private, independent, nonprofit foundations whose work has focused on access to health care, with a special emphasis on the medically underserved; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at Alliance Healthcare Foundation, Dr. Ruth Riedel has done an exceptional job of leveraging the resources of her agency to address a wide variety of health care needs in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, since the Alliance Healthcare Foundation's inception in 1988, Dr. Ruth Riedel has been responsible for the disbursement and tracking of over 1,300 grants totaling in excess of \$43 million, which attracted an additional \$41 million from other sources, resulting in over \$84 million in grant funding focused on health care needs largely in San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the Alliance Healthcare Foundation was one of the first funders of prevention and treatment programs for people with HIV/AIDS and has housed the San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Riedel has never been afraid to wade into controversy in order to address the health needs of underserved communities; one of the Alliance Healthcare Foundation's Annual Reports stated: "We deal with the issues that many do not wish to hear about...San Diego's critical public health issues. These are issues that affect us all;" and

WHEREAS, after nineteen years as founding President and Chief Operating Officer of Alliance Healthcare Foundation, Dr. Ruth Riedel is leaving to lend her experience to other organizations that are dedicated to advocacy and the delivery of services to underserved populations; 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 and thank Dr. Ruth Riedel for the impact she has had on the City of San Diego and the improvements she has helped create through her work with the Alliance Healthcare Foundation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that January 29, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "DR. RUTH RIEDEL 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 29 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Elizabeth S. Maland
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 2-11-08
(date)

Jerry Sanders
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor