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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303374

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WHEREAS, the Young Women's Christian Association [YWCA] of San Diego County was incorporated on February 5th, 1908 with the initial intention of addressing issues regarding young women moving into an urban environment; and

WHEREAS, during its early years, the YWCA focused on providing vocational training programs, job counseling, housing and recreation to the women of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, some of the YWCA's pioneer programs include the first Travelers Aid Office, the first leadership program for 12-18 year-old girls and the first Business and Professional Women's Clubs; and

WHEREAS, while the focus of the YWCA has evolved with the growth of the surrounding community, the agency has continued to develop programs and activities geared toward accommodating the physical, emotional, intellectual and social service needs of women and families; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the YWCA of San Diego County became the first agency in the region to develop a comprehensive residential program for victims of domestic violence and their children; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, the YWCA of San Diego County opened the City's first emergency night shelter for homeless women and reserved thirty beds in its residential facility for long-term transitional housing for homeless women in order to help them achieve independence and self-

sufficiency; today, this program is called Passages and has the capacity to serve sixty-five women; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the YWCA of San Diego County made another significant advancement in the domestic violence community with the opening of Becky's House, a ten-unit townhouse residential program; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the YWCA of San Diego County opened the Cortez Hill Family Center that serves intact homeless families with generally one-hundred and fifty people in residence each night; this is a ninety-day program that provides shelter, food counseling, career guidance and other supportive services to over six-hundred people each year; and

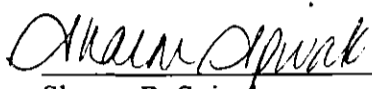
WHEREAS, in late 2007, the YWCA of San Diego County opened Becky's House 2, one of San Diego's few case-managed, long-term programs for women and children affected by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the YWCA of San Diego County's current programs and services include a 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline, Becky's House Emergency Shelter, Becky's House Emergency Shelter 2, Cortez Hill Family Center, Passages, Counseling Services, Mobile Legal Clinic and My Sister's Closet Resale Store; 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 thank and congratulate the YWCA of San Diego County on one-hundred years of providing indispensable services to women and families of the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 5, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY DAY" in the City of San Diego.

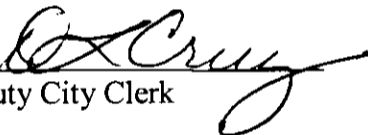
APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By 
Sharon B. Spivak
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 FEB 5 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 2-19-08
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor