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WHEREAS, the Mission Trails Regional Park [MTRP] Foundation was organized by three members of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee to preserve, improve, develop and maintain Mission Trails Regional Park and to foster public appreciation and understanding of Mission Trails Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, these members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, Mike Pent, Jean Hatton and Dorothy Leonard had the vision and dedication to create the Foundation and to ensure its success; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation was certified as a non-profit corporation by the California Secretary of State on February 22, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Foundation is to work in partnership with the City of San Diego, to preserve and protect the natural environment of Mission Trails Regional Park and to provide and promote educational and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation raised \$3 million for the construction of the MTRP Visitor and Interpretive Center, \$1.25 million for the construction of the MTRP Equestrian Staging Area and \$100,000 for the accessible interpretive pathway and viewing terrace at Old Mission Dam; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation grants financial support to maintain the interior of the Visitor and Interpretive Center, including providing furnishings and equipment, exhibits and

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library and audio and visual presentations in the theater as well as providing outdoor visitor amenities such as picnic tables, campground fire rings and park benches; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation provides financial, staff and volunteer assistance for several annual events such as Arbor Day, the Amateur Photography Contest and Explore Mission Trails Day; and

WHEREAS, these Foundation sponsored activities increase public awareness of the uniqueness and vast size of Mission Trails Regional Park; 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 February 5, 2008 to be "MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK FOUNDATION DAY" in the City of San Diego and recognizes and salutes the Foundation for 20 years of providing support benefiting all people who use and enjoy Mission Trails Regional Park.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By

Catherine M. Bradley

Chief 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  $\frac{5}{2008}$ .

Approved: (date)

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor