RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303432

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WHEREAS, READ/San Diego was founded in 1988 with seed funding by the California State Library; and

WHEREAS, READ/San Diego is an adult literacy program that coordinates the efforts of volunteer reading tutors and cooperates with local adult schools, community colleges and other literacy education providers; and

WHEREAS, each year, READ/San Diego assists more than 1,000 adult students from various backgrounds and learning levels; and

WHEREAS, READ/San Diego's roughly 10,600 volunteer tutors have helped almost 14,000 adults improve their skills in the program's 20 years of existence; and

WHEREAS, READ/San Diego tutors generally meet with their student twice a week for a total of three hours at one of the City's 35 libraries or a mutually convenient public facility; and

WHEREAS, tutors are supported with training resources provided by the City of San Diego, the California State Library and the San Diego Council on Literacy; and

WHEREAS, READ/San Diego was recently chosen by the American Library Association to receive the prestigious Advancement of Literacy Award; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, READ/San Diego was named one of the top community partnerships in the nation by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education; and

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WHEREAS, READ/San Diego's impressive in-house computer lab offers a wide selection of programs aimed at helping learners improve language skills, reading, writing, spelling, math, typing, GED and job preparation skills; 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 READ/San Diego for 20 years of outstanding service to the San Diego community through its efforts to improve adult literacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 1, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "READ/SAN DIEGO DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

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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 <u>FEB 2 6 2008</u>.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND City Clerk

By_____ Deputy City Clerk 11

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed:

Approved:

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