

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303518

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 08 2008

WHEREAS, the American Civil Liberties Union was founded in 1920 by Robert Baldwin at a time when civil liberties were in grave danger; and

WHEREAS, here in San Diego and Imperial, the American Civil Liberties Union was founded in 1933 by Helen Marston, the daughter of prominent civic leaders George and Anna Marston; and

WHEREAS, Helen Marston was a fierce fighter, traveling to Imperial County six times in 1933 and 1934 and defying vigilante violence to advocate for the rights of farm workers to assemble and organize; and

WHEREAS, early American Civil Liberties Union cases in San Diego include defending folk singer Pete Seeger, who was told he would have to sign a loyalty oath before he could play in a rented auditorium (1960), and litigating a school desegregation case in El Centro, the only case in the decade after *Brown v. Board of Education* in which African-Americans and Latinos worked together on school desegregation (1955); and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the American Civil Liberties Union has fought to assure that the Bill of Rights - amendments to the Constitution that guard against unwarranted governmental control - is preserved for each new generation; and

WHEREAS, by winning one precedent-setting case after another, the American Civil Liberties Union has established the vast majority of civil liberties in the United States; and

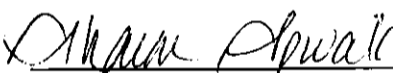
WHEREAS, the American Civil Liberties Union continues to reach out to the citizens of America, litigating, legislating, and educating the public on a broad array of issues affecting individual freedom; and

WHEREAS, the American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego and Imperial has been serving the community for 75 years; 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 the American Civil Liberties Union of the San Diego and Imperial Counties for its continuous advocacy for the rights and freedoms of all San Diegans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that March 13, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION 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 MAR 25 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By [Signature]  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 4-8-08  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor