

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303628
DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAY 08 2008

WHEREAS, the Mingei International Museum, located in the heart of Balboa Park, is celebrating its 30th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the word mingei, meaning “art of the people,” was coined by the revered Japanese scholar Dr. Soetsu Yanagi by combining the Japanese words for all people (min) and art (gei); Yanagi's teachings awakened people to the essential need to make and use objects that are unfragmented expressions of head, heart and hands; and

WHEREAS, established in 1978, the Mingei International Museum reveals the beauty of folk art, craft and design from all eras and cultures of the world by collecting, conserving and exhibiting arts of daily use from ancient times, traditional cultures of past and present and from historical as well as contemporary designers; and

WHEREAS, the Mingei International Museum is a non-profit public institution dedicated to the understanding and appreciation of art of the people from all cultures of the world; the museum's collection now comprises 17,500 objects from 141 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Museum's Founder and Director, Martha Longenecker, who is a Professor of Art at San Diego State University, studied the art of pottery-making in Japan where she became acquainted with and learned from the founders and leaders of the Mingei Association of Japan, who inspired her to carry the vision of “mingei” to the United States; and

WHEREAS, in its 30-year history, the Mingei International Museum has organized and presented over 140 major exhibitions supplemented by a 9,000-volume Art Reference Library of

books, films, videotapes, DVDs and photographs and enriched by public events including illustrated lectures, films, designer craftsmen demonstrations, workshops, music, theater and dance; and

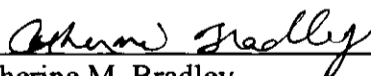
WHEREAS, the Mingei International Museum has produced 34 exhibition-related books and 20 videos, many of which have been distributed to libraries, museums, schools and individuals throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Mingei International Museum in Balboa Park opens a window on the world, revealing similarities and distinctions of individuals and cultures in art of the people and inspiring people to express their own innate creativity; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby commend and congratulate the Mingei International Museum for 30 years of success in providing our city with invaluable art and cultural awareness and education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 4, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, **“MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY”** in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

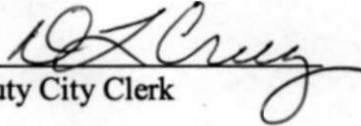
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of APR 29 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 5-8-08
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

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