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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303654

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAY 13 2008

WHEREAS, Lyme Disease is a disease transmitted by the bite of an infected western black-legged tick that has been found in all but two counties of California, including San Diego; and

WHEREAS, these ticks are carried by mice, rabbits, squirrels, deer birds and other forms of wildlife and domestic animals into backyards and homes, as well as outlying fields and forests where people work or recreate; and

WHEREAS, traditional methods of removing embedded ticks by burning, twisting, suffocating, or mutilating are dangerous and can increase the risk of acquiring the infection; and

WHEREAS, ticks are so small and hard to detect that most people who get Lyme Disease do not recall being bitten and most do not develop the characteristic rash; and

WHEREAS, Lyme Disease affects the brain, heart, joints, and other body organs and mimics many other diseases, and patients are often misdiagnosed with more familiar conditions including depression, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, multiple sclerosis, or psychiatric illness; and

WHEREAS, there are fewer than 30 "Lyme-literate" physicians in clinical practice in California, and the lack of physicians is the major cause of under-treatment of Lyme Disease victims; and

WHEREAS, the Padgett family has started the Lyme Disease Support Group in Scripps Ranch to spread awareness in San Diego and prevent others from experiencing this avoidable

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disease, they currently have 50 members and host "tick talks" to educate various groups about Lyme Disease; and

WHEREAS, they organized the first-ever Lyme Disease Awareness Walk in San Diego in 2007, and raised over \$5000 to promote research and education through the California Lyme Disease Association, and they plan to host another walk this fall; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby proclaim April 2008 to be "**LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**" in the City of San Diego to recognize and applaud the efforts of the Lyme Disease Support Group, which seeks to protect and educate the people of San Diego on the danger and prevention of Lyme Disease.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

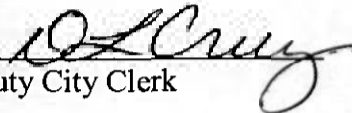
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of MAY 6 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 5.13.08
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor