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WHEREAS, the Foundation for Change supports emerging leaders and organizations working for progressive social change in the San Diego/Tijuana region; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation for Change is comprised of a diverse group of progressiveminded people who are dedicated to cultivating an entire ecology of grassroots movements and envision a flourishing "bi-national garden" of grassroots organizations empowering people in both San Diego and Tijuana to create a world marked by social, economic and environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, under its founder and first Board President Victoria Danzig, the Foundation for Change awarded its first grant, where it operated as a Chapter of the Los Angeles-based Liberty Hill Foundation until it became its own non-profit corporation in 1994; and

WHEREAS, since its inception the Foundation for Change has helped local leaders and activists launch grassroots groups that are part of larger movements, giving shape to a more just and humane world – the movements for human rights, economic justice and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation for Change is a member of the Funding Exchange, which is a network of publicly supported, regionally-based community foundations committed to "Change, not Charity;" and

WHEREAS, the Foundation for Change is the only philanthropic organization in the region that supports progressive leaders and organizations on both sides of the border; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation for Change awards seed monies to establishing groups and organizations by encouraging applications from first-time grant seekers and from emerging organizations that are often overlooked by traditional philanthropy groups; and

WHEREAS, beyond providing financial support, the Foundation for Change mentors grassroots leaders, nurtures organizational development and promotes vital, collaborative relationships between organizations on both sides of the border; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, ten grassroots organizations received year-end grants totaling \$25,000 from the Foundation for Change's general grantmaking pool, including a new organization working to raise awareness about the rights of Middle Eastern women in San Diego and a group helping youth in San Diego's Diamond District make a literary connection with incarcerated youth; 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 Foundation for Change for its services to the San Diego community over the past twenty-five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 20, 2008 be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "FOUNDATION FOR CHANGE 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>MAY 2 0 2008</u>.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND City Clerk

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Denuty City Clerk

Please note the Mayor did not sign this resolution within the specified time limit. See San Diego City Charter Section 280(c)(4).