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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303721

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WHEREAS, the City of San Diego's Council District Three includes the communities of Balboa Park, City Heights, Greater Golden Hill, Hillcrest, Kensington, Normal Heights, North Park, Talmadge and University Heights; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego's Council District Three is home to three of the most popular and historic streets in San Diego – Adams Avenue, El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue; and

WHEREAS, known as the "Jewel of San Diego," Balboa Park is the nation's largest urban cultural park; planned since 1868 and established in 1915, Balboa Park is home to fifteen major museums, renowned performing arts venues, beautiful gardens and the San Diego Zoo; Balboa Park has an ever-changing calendar of museum exhibitions, plays, musicals, concerts, and classes; Balboa Park is a special place where residents and visitors can experience San Diego's natural beauty, wonderful art and culture and stunning Spanish Revival architecture; and

WHEREAS, established in 1924, City Heights is a large community known for its ethnic diversity, including over forty cultural groups and over one-hundred language dialects; the colorful shops and restaurants within City Heights reflect a tapestry of ethnic and cultural groups that make it the most diverse neighborhood in San Diego; since 1994, City Heights has undergone significant redevelopment that continues to add new public facilities and public services, which include schools, a library, parks and community centers; and

WHEREAS, Greater Golden Hill and its South Park subdivision was first registered in 1870, with its first homes constructed in 1906; is a charming, close-knit community with a

thriving business district, including many warm and friendly establishments; is home to the treasured Grape Street Dog Park and host of the annual Old House Fair and quarterly WalkAbouts, which showcase its beautifully restored Craftsman bungalows and Spanish-style homes and encourage neighborhood comradery; and

WHEREAS, established in 1907, last year marked Hillcrest's centennial celebration; Hillcrest is renowned for its diversity and is rich with locally-owned business and cafés within walking distance of historic residential pockets; Hillcrest is the residential and commercial hub of San Diego's gay and lesbian community and is home to many regional festivals including the annual LGBT Pride Festival and City Fest; in 2007, the American Planning Association designated Hillcrest as one of the top ten "Great Neighborhoods" nationwide; and

WHEREAS, established in 1909, Kensington was named after one of London's twenty-eight metropolitan boroughs, with its streets also bearing English names; Kensington is well-known for its well-preserved historic homes featuring a wide variety of architectural styles, including Spanish, Mission, Colonial and Craftsman homes; Kensington is also home to City-wide famed businesses, such as Kensington Video and Ken Cinema, and to our current Mayor Jerry Sanders; and

WHEREAS, with dirt streets and no sidewalks, Normal Heights was established in 1906 as "uninhabited territory," later to be paved and developed in 1913; in 1907, trolley tracks for Line #11 were laid at the western edge of Ward Canyon, which brought population and development to Normal Heights; currently, bound by the I-805, I-15, I-8 and El Cajon Boulevard, Normal Heights is primarily a residential neighborhood with community parks and a thriving business district along Adams Avenue; annually, Normal Heights hosts the Adams Avenue Roots Festival and Adams Avenue Street Fair; and

WHEREAS, established in 1911 and named after its proximity to Balboa Park, North Park is lined with turn-of-the-century Craftsman and California bungalows, many of which are preserved within historic districts throughout the neighborhood; North Park boasts a flourishing business district including a weekly Farmers' Market, an eclectic array of restaurants, as well as independent coffee shops and a number of art galleries, thrift stores, taverns and the treasured Birch North Park Theater, which was recently renovated and reopened in 2005; and

WHEREAS, established in 1925, Talmadge was named after the Talmadge sisters – Norma, Constance and Natalie – who were noted silent movie stars; Talmadge is home to the celebrated Talmadge Gates, which have stood guard along the borders of the community since the 1920's, before any houses were built; Talmadge is interwoven with a vast amount of finger-canyons and is one of the first communities in Southern California to receive statewide certification as a "Fire Safe Community;" and

WHEREAS, University Heights is one of San Diego's oldest communities, established in 1888, and this year University Heights will celebrate its 120th Anniversary; in its early years, University Heights was home to ostrich farms and has since identified itself with ostrich symbols throughout the community; University Heights is also home to Trolley Barn Park and the famous Concerts-in-the-Park summer concert series; and

WHEREAS, each community's vibrancy is shaped by its residents and uniquely contributes to the vivacity that makes Council District Three the most historic, diverse, thriving and admired region in San Diego; 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 recognize the communities of the City of San Diego's Council District Three.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 24, 2008 be and is hereby proclaimed to be,

“COMMUNITIES OF COUNCIL DISTRICT THREE DAY” in the City of San Diego.

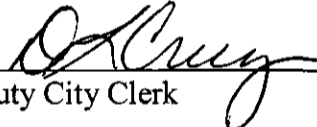
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of MAY 20 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 5-27-08
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

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