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WHEREAS, U S Airways began as Pacific Southwest Airlines [PSA] in 1949 and has a rich culture and colorful history as one of America's great airlines; and

WHEREAS, PSA is one of the four heritage airlines that form U S Airways, the others being America West Airlines, Piedmont Airlines and Allegheny Airlines; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, a leased Douglas DC-3 flew one weekly round trip from San Diego to Oakland via Burbank and reservations were taken from a World War II surplus latrine refitted as a ticket office; and

WHEREAS, PSA was known for its sense of humor; its slogan was "The World's Friendliest Airline" – U S Airways San Diego continues this tradition; and

WHEREAS, PSA's recognizable trademark was a smile painted on the nose of each plane and an accompanying ad campaign declaring "Catch Our Smile;" after PSA was bought by US Airways, ex-PSA mechanics would occasionally paint smiles on U S Airways planes as a joke; and

WHEREAS, because of the major San Diego flight schedule and because of the discount fares, military personnel nicknamed PSA the "Poor Sailor's Airline"; and

WHEREAS, in April 1988, PSA officially became U S Airways, marking the third merger in the history of the company, and in October 2006, America West Airlines and U S Airways merged into the new U S Airways; and

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WHEREAS, U S Airways San Diego has 190 employees and 16 departures with

worldwide service every day; U S Airways in San Diego still has 17 original PSA employees;

and

WHEREAS, U S Airways fulfills its commitment to corporate citizenship through

corporate philanthropy, foundation giving and employee involvement in local communities

through volunteerism and service on nonprofit boards; and

WHEREAS, U S Airways recently rolled out a world class look with new uniforms and

has come far from the brightly colored PSA uniforms of the past to the current professional and

contemporary business casual uniform seen today; 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, proclaims June 10, 2008 to be "U S AIRWAYS DAY" in

the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

Deputy City Attorney

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ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By_______
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: ________

(date) JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _________

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San

Diego, at this meeting of JUN 1 0 2008