

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303875

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 26 2008

WHEREAS, Don Telford is President and Chief Operating Officer of San Diego Theatres, a non-profit public benefit corporation which manages, markets and operates the San Diego Civic Theatre and the historic Balboa Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Don Telford began his career at the San Diego Civic Theatre over thirty years ago, and has worked under diverse governance models leading up to the creation of San Diego Theatres in 2003; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Don Telford began a six-month internship at the San Diego Concourse and Civic Theatre, while studying theatre management at San Diego State University; the next year when the Concourse re-opened the Fox Theatre, he was promoted to assistant production manager and after a series of promotions, including Manager of Administrative Operations and Assistant General Manager, he became General Manager of the Concourse; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1970s, the Civic Theatre team assumed responsibility for the management and operation of the historic Fox Theatre, now known as Copley Symphony Hall, where Don Telford assisted in the transition of the theater from a cinema house to a venue for Broadway, ballet and concerts, and in which he also served as the Assistant Production Manager for many of the aforementioned productions; and

WHEREAS, from 1997 to 2004, Don Telford served as Executive Vice President of the San Diego Convention Center Corporation, where he worked with the Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer, as well as the board of directors, to develop corporate policy, goals, objectives and strategic plans for the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the San Diego Convention Center Corporation, Don Telford was also responsible for serving as corporate liaison with public and private agencies, where he maintained positive relationships with peer, industry, and civic groups, reviewed corporate operation results and made recommendations to maintain high standards; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, when the City of San Diego transferred responsibility for the Concourse to the San Diego Convention Center Corporation, Don Telford was appointed Concourse Director, where he was responsible for the day-to-day on-site management and operation of the San Diego Concourse and Civic Theatre; and

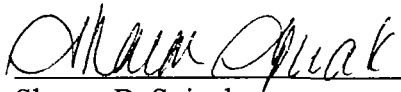
WHEREAS, as Concourse Director, Don Telford successfully directed a \$1.7 million refurbishment project, assumed responsibility for a \$1.2 million a year in-house food and beverage operation, and was responsible for managing, booking and presenting theatrical and performing arts events at the San Diego Civic Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Don Telford is a former board member of the International Association of Assembly Managers and has since been elected to the board of the League of Historic American Theatres; 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 Don Telford for his contributions to the City of San Diego and its most esteemed theaters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 24, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be,  
**“DON TELFORD DAY”** in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By   
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 JUN 24 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6.26.08  
(date)

  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor