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WHEREAS, Protection & Advocacy, Inc. [PAI] is a nonprofit organization dedicated since 1978 to protecting and advancing the human rights of Californians with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, PAI's vision is to help create an inclusive world environment that values diversity, culture and each individual by ensuring that people with disabilities enjoy equality, dignity, power, freedom of choice and independence; and

WHEREAS, PAI, through its operation of four legal offices in California, including one in the City of San Diego, provides information and referrals to individuals with disabilities who may not know their rights; and

WHEREAS, PAI advocates for change in laws, regulations, and public policy and provides peer and self-advocacy groups in addition to investigating charges of abuse, sexual assault, improper seclusion or restraint and neglect for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, PAI is deducated to defending students' rights in special education, expanding community living options and access to housing, implementing employee rights and expanding access to voters with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, PAI provides training and outreach, including ethnic and language distinct communities, for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, PAI strives to ensure that advocacy services reflect the languages and ethnic diversity of California by employing multicultural and bilingual advocates to develop outreach and training to underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, this year, PAI celebrates its 30th Anniversary of providing services to persons with disabilities and in conjunction with its celebration PAI is changing its name to Disability Rights California, to better reflect its mission and name recognition among persons who might benefit from the services; 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 proclaim June 20, 2008, to be "PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY INCORPORATED DAY" in recognition of 30 years of services to Californians with disabilities and in celebration of the organization's change in name to Disability Rights California.

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City Clerk

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Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (date) JERRY SANDERS, Mayor