

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303922DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 29 2008

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender [LGBT] San Diegans are commemorating their community's rich history of courage, spirit, achievement and activism by organizing the 34th Annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Celebration, this year under the international Pride theme of "Live. Love. Be.;" and

WHEREAS, this year's event —held in the month of July and featuring a human rights vigil, countywide rainbow flag raising, the largest Pride Parade in Southern California and 2-day festival, a 5k run and walk, interfaith programs, recycling and community clean up events and a community breakfast— promises to be the most impactful celebration attracting San Diegans and visitors from every state in the union to Hillcrest and Balboa Park, with an estimated attendance of more than 225,000 people; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide icon of unity and diversity, the Rainbow Flag, was first popularized as a symbol of LGBT Pride by artist Gilbert Baker in 1978 and will fly high above the city throughout the region in celebration of Pride and the 30th anniversary of the flag; Gilbert Baker will be recognized as a Celebrity Grand Marshal of the Pride Parade, joined by Community Grand Marshal Ruth Hendricks, who is recognized for her volunteerism, and International Grand Marshal Peter Tatchell, who is a British human rights activist; and

WHEREAS, this year, San Diego LGBT Pride is honoring two Inspirational Couples, who reflect the many lasting partnerships that exist throughout the community. Donna Phillips

and Gladys Langsford, who are celebrating 43 years together, and John Dapper and Lyman Hollowell, who have been together for 63 years; and

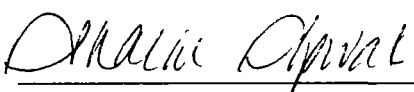
WHEREAS, San Diego has a rich history of LGBT civil rights movements; from the early days when those who marched wore bags over their heads for fear of retribution to what is now the largest annual single-day civic event in San Diego, drawing over 150,000 exuberant spectators lining the parade route along University and 6th Avenues; and

WHEREAS, members of the LGBT community have made valuable contributions in business, arts, military, volunteerism, leadership, religion, medicine, law, environmental protection, athletics, civil rights and education, in addition to leading the larger community in addressing and remedying issues related to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, hate crimes, disability access and discrimination; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize the many civic contributions of the LGBT community in San Diego County, and encourages all people to share in the pride of our City's diverse citizenry by participating in the 34th Annual San Diego LGBT Pride community celebration, parade, festival and arts and culture programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that July 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, **"LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH"** 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 JUL 15 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7-29-08
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor