

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303953

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 29 2008

WHEREAS, Mel Katz has been passionately dedicated to the San Diego Public Library for eight years as a member and Chair of the Board of Library Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Katz's volunteer leadership, the San Diego Public Library has become one of the most acclaimed and nationally-recognized library systems in the country, earning high customer approval ratings on the Resident Satisfaction Survey, taking the lead nationally in harnessing technology to serve San Diego's diverse populations and recently winning recognition from the American Library Association and U.S. Department of Education for programming and literacy training efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Katz helped lead the development and implementation of the 21st Century Library System Improvement Plan, one of the most ambitious and highly regarded library development plans ever conceived; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Public Library has realized the most prolific period of expansion in its history during Mr. Katz's tenure on the Commission Board with eight new, replacement or expanded facilities opened since 2002, significantly increasing library square footage and service capacity; and

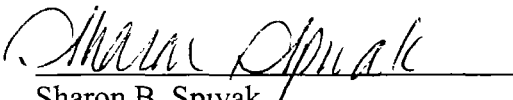
WHEREAS, Mr. Katz helped launch, guide and expand the San Diego Public Library Foundation, which has helped bring unprecedented financial support to the San Diego Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Katz brought his own strong business acumen to Library and Library Foundation operations and recruited other individuals with broad and valuable business experience to lead the Library, helping ensure efficient delivery of service during a period of new, award-winning programming; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Public Library is a leading library in private and grant revenue generation, raising more than \$60 million in private and non-City funds over the last eight years; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize Mel Katz for his dedication to promote a love of reading, furtherance of diversity and civic engagement and outstanding service to our community, and proclaims June 26, 2008 to be **"MEL KATZ 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 JUL 22 2008

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7-29-08  
(date)

  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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