

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303978

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE AUG 06 2008

WHEREAS, A Reason to Survive [ARTS] was established in 2001 as a non-profit corporation founded by artist Matt D'Arrigo, based on his philosophy that the artistic process can change and heal lives; and

WHEREAS, Matt D'Arrigo's inspiration to create ARTS came in the winter of 1992 when his mother Pat D'Arrigo and his sister Kate D'Arrigo were diagnosed with cancer within a few months of each other; and

WHEREAS, ARTS is dedicated to healing, inspiring and empowering children facing adversity by providing innovative arts-based programs, education and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, ARTS services are free to children who qualify; there is no charge to a child, family, partner site or service provider; and

WHEREAS, ARTS partners with numerous organizations throughout the San Diego community, including hospitals, residential treatment facilities, shelters, rehabilitation centers, community groups, schools, the County of San Diego and children and teens throughout the greater community facing adversity; and

WHEREAS, ARTS has provided its signature outreach program "Expression Sessions" to more than 35,000 children and youth throughout the San Diego community; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2007, ARTS opened its first center, called the Pat D'Arrigo ARTS Center, at NTC Promenade in Point Loma; and

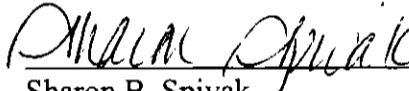
WHEREAS, in the past seven years, ARTS has received tremendous support from the community and now employs 6 full-time staff, 5 part-time staff, numerous contracted artists, and over 100 volunteers, and serves more than 10,000 kids each year; and

WHEREAS, ARTS allows kids to express themselves in positive ways while providing them with a supportive and nurturing environment; 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, hereby proclaims July 29, 2008 to be "A REASON TO SURVIVE DAY" in the City of San Diego in recognition of its dedication to bringing hope, healing, and self-confidence to children facing life challenges in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

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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 29 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 8-6-08  
(date)

  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor