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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303979

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WHEREAS, established in 1888, University Heights is one of San Diego's oldest communities, celebrating its 120th Anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 1888, Subdivision Map #558 was filed with the San Diego County Recorder, delineating the University Heights subdivision; bounded by the south rim of Mission Valley, from the present-day boundary of Freeway 163 on the west, to city pueblo land—today's Boundary Street—to the east, and Fillmore Avenue—today's University Avenue—to the south; and

WHEREAS, University Heights, a residential development with direct access to downtown San Diego, was an early "streetcar suburb" serviced by cable and electric-powered trolleys; and

WHEREAS, in 1898, the San Diego Electric Railway Company purchased Mission Cliff Gardens, known as the "jewel" of University Heights, which includes two historic stone walls that still stand today; one surrounds the former lily pond at North Court and Mission Cliff Drive and the other is the impressive cobblestone wall along the north side of Adams Avenue, from Park Boulevard to Mission Cliff Drive; and

WHEREAS, in 1904, John D. Spreckels invited Harvey Bentley to relocate his ostrich farm from Coronado and today ostrich symbols can be found throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1907, development significantly increased in University Heights when the San Diego Electric Railway was extended east on Adams Avenue; at the same time, San

Diego experienced a \$6 million increase in new construction and improvements, which increased its population from 17,000 to over 32,000; and

WHEREAS, in 1913, a massive trolley car barn was built on property adjoining the ostrich farm and was used to store and perform minor service to several hundred trolleys; trolleys would exit and enter the car barn through a series of switches off of Florida Street; and

WHEREAS, after the trolleys ceased running in 1949, the car barn was sold to the San Diego Paper Box Company; the land remained undeveloped until 1991 when, through community efforts, the area was transformed into the present 8 ½-acre Trolley Barn Park; and

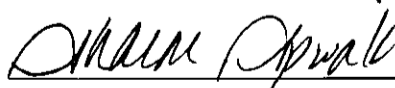
WHEREAS, historic preservation is an important part of protecting University Heights' past; several vestiges of Mission Cliff Gardens have been historically designated through the efforts of the University Heights Historical Society, in addition to the properties landmarked by the University Heights Historical Society and many private property owners in University Heights have succeeded in having their homes historically-designated; 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 congratulate University Heights for its historic contributions over the past 120 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that July 29, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS 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 29 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 8-6-08
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor