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WHEREAS, the original Stand Down for homeless veterans was modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War, to provide a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations; and

WHEREAS, at secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, Stand Down afforded battle-weary soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the National Stand Down for homeless veterans is to bring critical services to one location, making them more accessible to homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, in July 2002, the founders of National Stand Down – Robert Van Keuren, Dr. Jon Nachison and Vietnam Veterans of San Diego – asked the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans to become the “keeper of the flame” and provide national leadership for the movement; and

WHEREAS, the first National Stand Down in San Diego was held in 1988 and, since, the program has become recognized as the most valuable outreach tool to help homeless veterans in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization governed by a thirteen-member board of directors and is the resource and technical assistance center for a national network of community-based service providers and local, state

and federal agencies that provide emergency and supportive housing, food, health services, job training and placement assistance, legal aid and case management support for hundreds of thousands of homeless veterans each year; 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 commend the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans for annually organizing National Stand Down.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that July 12, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "NATIONAL STAND DOWN DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Sharon B. Spivak
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 [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 8-6-08
(date)

[Signature]
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
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