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WHEREAS, as co-founder of the San Diego AIDS Project and an Associate Professor of Medicine at Scripps Mercy Hospital, Dr. Keith Vrhel ranks among those healthcare providers who opened their practices to patients suffering from HIV/AIDS at a time when other physicians feared treating them; and

WHEREAS, in a medical career spanning nearly thirty years, Dr. Keith Vrhel has trained hundreds of interns and residents in treating the HIV/AIDS disease with progressive therapies that incorporate respect and compassion toward patients; and

WHEREAS, as an acclaimed board-certified physician in internal medicine and HIV/AIDS, Dr. Keith Vrhel's activism extends to numerous organizations that include the San Diego County Task Force on AIDS, the California Medical Association and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Keith Vrhel is also a founding member of the American Academy of HIV Medicine and a charter member of the Greater San Diego Business Association; and

WHEREAS, each year the San Diego LGBT Pride organization recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the LGBT community through their leadership, activism and fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego LGBT Pride organization's "Champion of Pride" honor is awarded to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the LGBT community

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over an extended period of years and/or who has made an exceptional contribution in the past year; and

WHEREAS, this year, the San Diego LGBT Pride organization salutes Dr. Keith Vrhel as an important leader in LGBT healthcare and for his tireless efforts that have provided critical services to our community; 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 Dr. Keith Vrhel for the imprint he has had on San Diego's LGBT community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that July 14, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "DR. KEITH VRHEL 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 10292000.

· 6.08 Approved:

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Vetoed: \_

By Deputy City Clerk

ELIZABETH S. MALAND

City Clerk

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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