129, (R-2009-276

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-**304195**DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE**0CT 0 9 2008**

.

WHEREAS, an entire generation has lived with the Acquired Immune Deficiency Disorder (AIDS) pandemic since it was first identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 27 years ago, and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the pandemic, over 7,000 San Diegans have died from the disorder; and

WHEREAS, the state of California has the second largest number of AIDS cases in the United States and San Diego County has the third highest number of AIDS cases in the state of California, and

WHEREAS, approximately 15,000 individuals in San Diego County are currently living with AIDS and approximately 400 new cases of AIDS are diagnosed in San Diego each year; and

WHEREAS, advances in medical treatment have enabled individuals with AIDS to live longer, healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, courageous and dedicated walkers participated in the first Walk for Life in San Diego County to benefit San Diegans living with AIDS and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), often the precursor to AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the name of this event was changed to AIDS Walk San Diego in 1989 and has since raised over \$6.5 million; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, walkers and runners, supported by hundreds of volunteers and thousands of individual donors, raised more than \$600,000 for over thirty organizations, and

WHEREAS, AIDS Walk is San Diego County's largest one-day fundraising event

benefiting HIV/AIDS service providers that serve thousands of clients and is the biggest non-

governmental financial provider for HIV/AIDS services in San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the 19th annual San Diego AIDS Walk will take place on Sunday, September 28, 2008; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Diego, that this

Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize AIDS Walk and commends it for its contribution to HIV/AIDS service providers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 28, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "AIDS WALK DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

! VA IL Bv

Sharon B. Spivak / Deputy City Attorney

SBS:jdf 09/19/08 Or.Dept.Mayor and Council-Atkins R-2009-275 I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of 0CT 7 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND Cıty Clerk

<u>KCree</u> v Clerk By A Deputy City Clerk

SANDERS, Mayor JERRY

Approved: 10-9-08 (date)

Vetoed: _____

h

(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

