

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304257

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 27 2008

WHEREAS, Karen Reimus is an integral part of Scripps Ranch and has worked tirelessly to better our community by serving as a strong and dedicated leader and consistently meeting her demanding volunteer duties with energy, poise and creativity; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2003, Karen's life was forever changed by the Cedar Wildfire that destroyed her home and 311 others in the Scripps Ranch community; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the Cedar Fire, Karen, along with eleven other homeowners known as the Dynamic Dozen, began lobbying state legislators and former Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi for homeowner's insurance reform and succeeded in witnessing the passage of the Homeowner's Bill of Rights in the summer of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Karen also joined the Scripps Ranch Fire Safety Council and, in response to her and her neighbors concerns about the returning brush and potential for another wildfire, she worked towards the first 200 foot fire break within the City of San Diego by bringing in an environmental contractor who utilized goats to clear the area surrounding their homes of brush and weeds; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of her home on July 7, 2005, Karen began volunteering with United Policyholders, a non-profit consumer education organization, and traveled to Louisiana and Mississippi after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, helping hurricane survivors lobby their elected officials for insurance assistance; and

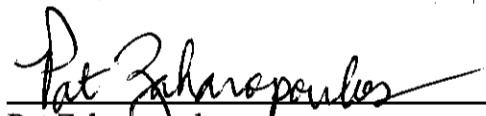
WHEREAS, Karen once again jumped into action on October 22, 2007, when the Witch Creek Fire destroyed 362 homes in Rancho Bernardo, providing immediate emotional support to fire survivors at the Local Assistance Center and organizing a series of bi-weekly town hall meetings called the Roadmap to Recovery; and

WHEREAS, Karen's greatest inspirations are her husband, Bill, and her children, Kelly and Eric, whom she works tirelessly to teach the value of hard work, dedication, and persistence;  
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, hereby proclaims October 14, 2008 as "**KAREN REIMUS DAY**" in the City of San Diego in recognition of the many community services she has provided to the citizens of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By

  
Pat Zaharopoulos  
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 OCT 14 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10-27-08  
(date)

  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor