

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304424

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE NOV 24 2008

WHEREAS, George W. Marston's active work for Balboa Park began in 1902 when he served as a member of the Park Improvement Committee that developed the master plan for the park; and

WHEREAS, George W. Marston chaired the Balboa Park's Building and Grounds Committee and served on the State of California's commission for the construction of the California Building and Tower in preparation for the 1915 Panama - California Exposition; and

WHEREAS, George W. Marston persuasively fought for and raised funds to save the exposition buildings in Balboa Park; and

WHEREAS, George W. Marston promoted the proposition, which was passed by voters in 1927, to preserve in perpetuity Balboa Park land for park purposes only; and

WHEREAS, George W. Marston founded many civic and educational institutions, including: YMCA of San Diego, Free Reading Room - which became the San Diego Public Library, the Junipero Serra Museum, the San Diego Historical Society and Pomona College in Claremont, California; and

WHEREAS, George W. Marston, a remarkable visionary, pushed for the acquisition of unique and wonderful natural areas - to be set aside forever as parks - including: Torrey Pines State Park, Presidio Park, El Monte Park, Camp Marston and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park; and

WHEREAS, George W. Marston is being honored at the Friends of Balboa Park's 8th Annual Millennium Awards Luncheon; 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 George W. Marston for the contributions he made to San Diego's jewel – Balboa Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 28, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "GEORGE W. MARSTON DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Pat Zaharopoulos
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 NOV 18 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 11-24-08
(date)

[Signature]
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor