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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304538

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE DEC 15 2008

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Daisaku Ikeda, the Youth Division of the Soka Gakkai International [SGI], in the United States has been dedicated to the development and the contribution to peace, culture and education in our communities while promoting tolerance and respect for human rights; and

WHEREAS, Daisaku Ikeda and Kaneko Ikeda have for the past 61 years selflessly dedicated their lives to the development and fostering of youth as global citizens who can take responsibility for shouldering the future happiness of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the vision and efforts of Daisaku Ikeda for the development of youth is communicated through the Soka education system, including Soka University of America in Southern California, cultural exchanges, culture festivals, and education exhibitions all over the world with youthful passion and optimism which herald a powerful new era of hope; and

WHEREAS, under the mentorship of Daisaku and Kaneko Ikeda, the youth of SGI-USA have worked to promote the principles of nonviolence, unity and the spirit of community; and

WHEREAS, over one hundred youth of SGI-USA in San Diego courageously responded to the 2007 wildfires, volunteering their time and support to the citizens of San Diego, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOVLED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego does hereby proclaim December 9, 2008 to be “**SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY;**” honoring Daisaku and Kaneko as mentors of

American Youth, wholeheartedly joining in their objective for 2009, "The Year of Youth and Victory."

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 DEC 9 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 12-15-08
(date)

[Signature]
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor