

## RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304778 DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 0 8 2009

WHEREAS, Gastroenterology (GI) Nursing is a specialty practice in which nurses and associates provide care to patients with known or suspected gastrointestinal problems undergoing diagnostic or therapeutic procedures; and

WHEREAS, the care rendered by these professionals promotes the health and well-being of their patients through education, screening procedures, supportive care and case management; and

WHEREAS, GI nurses and associates make a difference in the lives of their patients through education on colon cancer and colon cancer screening; and

WHEREAS, the care provided by Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses and unlicensed associates, such as GI Technologists and Assistants, takes place in a variety of settings. It is practiced in physicians' offices, inpatient and outpatient endoscopy departments, ambulatory endoscopy centers and inpatient hospital units; and

WHEREAS, GI nurses and associates, through regional and national gastroenterology professional societies, come together to exchange ideas, knowledge and research, and network, collect information, establish guidelines for future professionals, and expand specialized educational opportunities. Through this process, they help to improve care and standards for GI patients; and

WHEREAS, experienced GI nurses and associates can obtain national certifications within the specialty to validate their qualifications and advance their competence. This serves to demonstrate their desire to improve knowledge and skills for both personal and patient satisfaction; 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 proclaim March 25, 2009 to be "GASTROENTEROLOGY NURSES AND ASSOCIATES DAY" in the City of San Diego, and does hereby encourage all members of the public to learn more about how these medical professionals can help screen for and prevent colon cancer.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By

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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 <u>MAR 3 0 2009</u>.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND

City Clerk

Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 4 1

(date)

JERRY SAMDERS, Mayor

Vetoed:

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor