

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304875

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAY 28 2009

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was born May 22, 1930 in Woodmere, New York; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk entered the U.S. Navy in 1951 and later served as Chief Petty Officer on the San Diego-based aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Kittiwake; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was a tireless advocate of fairness for all Americans, both as a candidate for office and as a San Francisco City Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Harvey Milk was California's first openly gay elected official; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk provided hope and inspiration to many Americans and was a prominent figure in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, while in office, Harvey Milk worked to pass an equal rights ordinance and defeat Proposition 6, commonly known as the Briggs Initiative, which would have banned gays and lesbians from teaching in public schools; and

WHEREAS, a skilled coalition-builder, Harvey Milk's agenda extended beyond gay rights to encompass support for labor, tenants, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was an early supporter of the California grape boycott organized by the United Farm Workers and led by Cesar Chavez; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was tragically assassinated on November 27, 1978, sparking a march of an estimated 30,000 people through the streets of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's death inspired a generation of activists, most notably his mentee, Cleve Jones, who later envisioned one of the greatest works of American folk art, the AIDS quilt; and

WHEREAS, the story of Harvey Milk's courage and vision has been documented in best-selling literature like The Mayor of Castro Street as well as the Academy Award-winning film, "Milk;" and

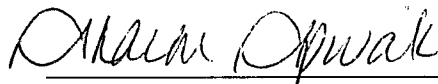
WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of San Diego support SB 572, legislation authored by State Senator Mark Leno, which would require the Governor to annually proclaim May 22 as Harvey Milk Day, a non-fiscal state holiday, and would encourage public schools and educational institutions to conduct suitable commemorative exercises on that date; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego should not cease its efforts to create equality for all its citizens; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, honor the life and accomplishments of Harvey Milk and celebrate his 79th birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 22, 2009, be and hereby is proclaimed to be **"HARVEY MILK DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

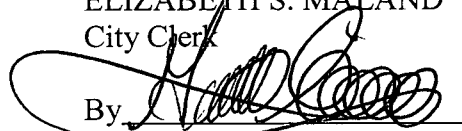
By 

Sharon B. Spivak
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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 MAY 19 2009.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 5-28-09
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor