

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304971

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 17 2009

WHEREAS, Conrad Prebys is a great friend to San Diego and to the San Diego Zoo; and

WHEREAS, he has a love of wildlife that includes vulnerable species such as polar bears and elephants; and

WHEREAS, he is a true champion of the great ice bear, and his generosity has transformed the Zoo's Polar Bear Plunge so it is now known as "Conrad Prebys Polar Bear Plunge;" and

WHEREAS, during the formal renaming ceremony on April 30, 2008, a letter was read from Mr. Gary Doer, the premier of Manitoba, Canada, that thanked Conrad Prebys "for his investment in Polar Bear Plunge and what it will mean for public awareness of the polar bear's plight in the wild;" and

WHEREAS, May 1, 2008, was declared "Conrad Prebys Day" at the Zoo and festivities included free ice cream for thousands of San Diego school children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prebys' generous gift will transform Polar Bear Plunge with the addition of a birthing den as well as a rescue center for orphaned cubs; and

WHEREAS, the exhibit will have an educational and interpretive area that highlights polar bear conservation challenges in the wild and how the public can help; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Zoo adds its heartfelt thanks to Mr. Prebys for his generosity and enthusiasm for this beautiful Arctic species; and

WHEREAS, Conrad Prebys also gave another incredible gift to help elephants through

the most innovative elephant care center in North America, the Conrad Prebys Elephant Care Center at the Zoo; and

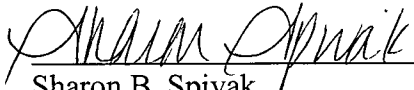
WHEREAS, Mr. Prebys' dedication to protecting wildlife and educating visitors about conservation makes him one of the greatest supporters in the Zoo's 93-year history; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby commend Conrad Prebys for his dedication and service to the San Diego Zoo:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 20, 2009, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "CONRAD PREBYS DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By



Sharon B. Spivak
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 JUN 09 2009.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By *Alla Richardson*
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6.17.09
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor