

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 305016

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 29 2009

WHEREAS, Veterans Village of San Diego was founded in 1981 by five Vietnam Veterans with the goal of extending assistance to needy and homeless veterans of all wars and eras, as well as to their families; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Village of San Diego manifests dedication to its stated mission through its efforts to provide housing, food, clothing, substance abuse recovery, mental health counseling, job training and job search assistance; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans Dr. Jon Nachison and Robert Van Keuren originated the idea of Stand Down, an event bringing together thousands of caring volunteers and professionals for the sole purpose of providing assistance to homeless veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the first Stand Down event held in San Diego in 1988 benefited over 650 homeless veterans, and Stand Down has since evolved into an annual three-day event providing over 750 homeless veterans and family members with shelter, clothing, legal and medical assistance, substance abuse counseling, veterans' benefits counseling and more; and

WHEREAS, Stand Down's success translates into over 300 Stand Down events now held annually throughout the nation and in excess of 100,000 homeless veterans are estimated as having received assistance at these events; and

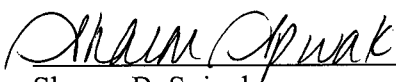
WHEREAS, Veterans Village of San Diego has served as both sponsor and organizer of Stand Down since its inception, leading the efforts to underwrite expenses, raise funds, and coordinate the annual event; and

WHEREAS, Stand Down is dependent upon the 150 community organizations and agencies and over 2,500 volunteers who provide services free of charge; and the event greatly benefits from the generosity of the local Navy and Marine bases, which provide substantial equipment and personnel support; and

WHEREAS, community participation, combined with the efforts of Veterans Village of San Diego, is essential in providing the logistical, medical and spiritual support necessary to the success of Stand Down; 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 July 18, 2009 to be “**NATIONAL STAND DOWN DAY.**”

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 23 2009.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By *Aria Richardson*
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6-29-09
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor