

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 305076

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 22 2009

WHEREAS, Ashley Walker joined the City of San Diego on October 18, 1993 and in 1996 became the Executive Director of the City of San Diego’s Human Relations Commission, providing exemplary leadership for the Commission along with the promotion of sensitizing the citizens of San Diego toward issues of conflict resolution, multiculturalism, diversity, discrimination, equal opportunity and violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Walker’s professionalism and dedication has ensured that the Commission’s mission of conducting and promoting activities that foster mutual respect and understanding, protect basic human and civil rights, and create an atmosphere that promotes amicable relations among all members of the San Diego community continues to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Walker has been instrumental toward the success of the Commission’s *TALK! San Diego, Inter-Agency Coalition on Human and Civil Rights, SAY NO TO HATE*, and *The Domestic Violence City Workplace Response and Viewing Race* programs; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Walker, a woman of many talents, has brought strong community organizing skills, program and fiscal development, and training and management skills to the citizens of San Diego as Executive Director of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Walker has provided her professional talent for 34 years in the City of San Diego as an accomplished trainer and conflict resolution facilitator, having been an administrator for the YWCA for 13 years, where she pioneered and administered the Battered

Women's Services shelter and program, the first of its kind in San Diego County; established the first civilian mediation team to work directly with the San Diego Police Department in 1996; and established the Interagency Coalition on Human and Civil Rights in 1997; and

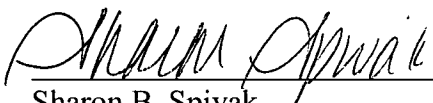
WHEREAS, Ashley Walker is highly revered throughout San Diego, having received numerous accolades including the ACLU Helen Marston Award, the San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame, the Latina/Latino Unity Coalition's Community Service Award, the Domestic Violence Guardian Angel Award and the Susan B. Anthony Award from the National Organization for Women; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Walker's enthusiasm for life extends outside of her professional arena as an uncompromising environmentalist, an avid gardener, a talented singer and passionate artist; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Walker, after numerous dedicated years with the City of San Diego, is retiring to spend time with her husband Hadley Batchelder, her two rescued dogs Bear and Missy, her cat Justice and her four desert land tortoises; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim July 14, 2009 to be **ASHLEY WALKER DAY** in the City of San Diego, in appreciation of her endless dedication to the City of San Diego and wishes her the best on all her future endeavors.

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 JUL 14 2009

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7-22-09
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor