

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 305077

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 22 2009

WHEREAS, autism is a group of developmental disorders affecting three to six children out of every 1,000, and is characterized by impaired social interaction, difficulty with verbal and nonverbal communication, and unusual, repetitive, or severely limited activities and interests. There is no known single cause for autism and no certain cure; and

WHEREAS, Erik Weber, a resident of the Redwood Village neighborhood of the City of San Diego, is the beloved son of Sandra and Richard Weber and cherished brother to siblings Jason Rice, Gavin Rice and Marissa Weber; and

WHEREAS, Erik Weber was born in 1988 and diagnosed with autism at the age of three in 1991. Erik's physicians stated he would never exceed the mental development of a child of eighteen months; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. and Mr. Weber, undeterred by this diagnosis, lent tremendous support and encouragement to their son and involved Erik in programs to improve his verbal communication and provide mental stimulation; and

WHEREAS, Erik persevered greatly beyond medical predictions and achieved remarkable success in the realms of academics and athletics. Erik attained his high school diploma and Associate of Arts degree and graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University in May 2009, having completed his Bachelor of Arts in International Development Studies with an outstanding academic record; and

WHEREAS, Erik displays tremendous athletic ability as a long-time participant in the Special Olympics, winning multiple track and field events, and a remarkable generosity of spirit through his multiple community service activities; and

WHEREAS, Erik selflessly participates in autism laboratory studies throughout Southern California and serves as Guest Lecturer at San Diego State University and Point Loma Nazarene University in hopes of increasing scientific and public knowledge of autism; and

WHEREAS, Erik authored a book about his late father, Richard Weber, titled *Autism for Dads: The Importance of a Father's Love*, which stands as testimony to the experience of living with autism and illustrates the importance of family support in pursuing a fulfilling, productive life; and

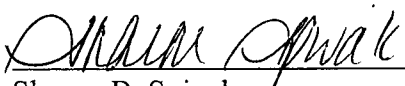
WHEREAS, the autistic community, including individuals, friends and families affected by the disorder, may take note of Erik's accomplishments and understand that the diagnosis need not be a barrier to success and personal achievement. It is Erik's goal to raise the bar of expectations for individuals like him; and

WHEREAS, Erik, having faced all challenges with courage, perseverance and a gentle sense of humor, is poised to take the next step in his personal journey this autumn when he begins graduate-level course work at San Diego State University to study for his Master's degree in Public Administration; 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 14, 2009, to be

**"ERIK WEBER 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 JUL 14 2009.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7-12-09  
(date)

  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor