

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF
THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AS A COAST GUARD CITY

WHEREAS, on November 13, 1998, Congress enacted a law (Section 409 of P.L. 105-383) that provides for cities, counties and municipalities to be similarly designated as a “Coast Guard City” or “A Coast Guard Community,” and the Coast Guard City program recognizes the communities that support Team Coast Guard across the nation; and

WHEREAS, a city, county, or municipality earns the distinction of being named a Coast Guard City by making special efforts to acknowledge the professional work of the men and women assigned to its area; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego’s efforts illustrate a longstanding and enduring relationship the community has made with the members of the Coast Guard Community; and

WHEREAS, Captain John Spaner, Sector Commander of the United States Coast Guard, San Diego, now seeks to designate the City of San Diego as a Coast Guard City; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego community and the Coast Guard have developed strong relationships that ensure service members and their families feel comfortable in their home away from home while contributing to morale and service excellence; and

WHEREAS, being designated a Coast Guard city is an official recognition and acknowledgement of a city’s support and commitment to the members, families, and retirees of the United States Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego and the United States Coast Guard have had a historically strong relationship which, as listed by the Office of the Mayor, has included:

- Mayor Faulconer has met with the United States Coast Guard and its leaders as well as hosted meetings in his office for updates on maritime priorities of safety and security;
- San Diego’s historic Major League Baseball franchise, the San Diego Padres, has a dedicated “Coast Guard Day” each year, and the City understands this to be a unique recognition;
- The Torrey Pines Golf Course provides members of the United States Coast Guard and other armed services access to the course for a discounted golf fee;
- United States Coast Guard members and their families have unique access to the Professional Golfers Association Farmer’s Open event;
- The San Diego Zoo provides free admission to every member of the United States Coast Guard, including access to the Safari Park, which cares for some of the rarest and most beautiful animals in the world;
- The Sector Commander has a very strong relationship with the Superintendent of Schools, which has resulted in a dedicated Coast Guard seat on the military committee, access to School Board deliberations, and the Coast Guard adopting two local schools – Monarch and Gompers;
- Sea World San Diego provides free admission to each Coast Guard member and their family every year, and supports the United States Coast Guard 24/7 in the rescue and resuscitation of marine mammals that are in life-threatening situations;
- San Diego State University hosts a dedicated “Coast Guard Day” each year at Qualcomm Stadium in front of what has been estimated as 30,000 attendees and

viewers, and Coast Guard representatives preside over the opening coin toss and sing the National Anthem;

- The Honor Foundation, a non-governmental organization (NGO) focused on helping Navy SEALs transition from active duty to private sector employment is including Coast Guard rescue swimmers in its San Diego program. The City is told that this support is unprecedented and will help courageous Coast Guard members transition from noble service to exceptional private sector employment;
- The City of San Diego's senior officials sit as principals on the Area Maritime Security Committee and are active in the maritime security of the local region. Beyond attending meetings, they are active on subcommittees, serve on working groups and are partners working on major emerging threats, including cyber security and maritime trafficking, among others.
- Peace officers at the University of California, San Diego, provide regular coastal patrols for maritime safety and security, and are included on the Sector San Diego combined mission calendar and are full partners in keeping the region secure; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego region is home to members of Congress who have provided oversight for the United States Coast Guard, including U.S. Representatives Duncan D. Hunter, Darrell Issa, Scott Peters, Susan Davis, and Juan Vargas, working with both U.S. Senators from California; and

WHEREAS, members of the San Diego City Council and local members of the California Assembly have visited or interacted with the Coast Guard Sector and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Air Station San Diego is the oldest air base in the Coast Guard, led first by Elmer Stone (Coast Guard Aviator Number 1), and the base is a prominent downtown landmark in a city recognized as the birthplace of naval aviation; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego supports the application to be designated as a Coast Guard City; and

WHEREAS, through this resolution the City of San Diego shows its support for the Coast Guard, requests that the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard proclaim the City of San Diego as an official Coast Guard City, and seeks a related Congressional designation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the City of San Diego, does hereby support the request for the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard to designate and proclaim the City of San Diego as a Coast Guard City, and to seek a related Congressional designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Sector Commander of the United States Coast Guard, San Diego.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By _____
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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 _____.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
(date)

KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

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