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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

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WHEREAS, San Diego has a rich history in agriculture that should be celebrated and continued; and

WHEREAS, there are in excess of 39,000 acres of developed and undeveloped open space in San Diego that could potentially house community farms and gardens; and

WHEREAS, community farms and gardens are a resourceful alternative to underused lands and contribute to the vitality of our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, community farms and gardens are green spaces that improve the environment by decreasing urban runoff and reducing the heat island effect; and

WHEREAS, obesity rates and diet related diseases continue to rise and efforts are being put forth to encourage the eating of healthy foods such as those produced by community farms and gardens; and

WHEREAS, community farms and gardens act as living classrooms for students and the public; and

WHEREAS, community farms and gardens benefit San Diego's diverse population by providing culturally-desirable, fresh, nutritious produce to residents of all socioeconomic statuses, ethnicities, and ages; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a standardized and accessible process for citizens to navigate in order to initiate community farms and gardens; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative of concerned and informed individuals and community organizations throughout San Diego have joined together to bring attention to the desire of residents to have community farms and gardens; and

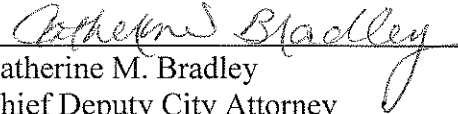
WHEREAS, many of our neighborhoods are park-deficient, and community gardens provide active recreational opportunities for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is including "community farms and gardens" under the Recreation element into the General Plan of the City of San Diego; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby recognize, supports and encourages the creation and continued existence of community farms and gardens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 26, 2007 is hereby proclaimed to be "COMMUNITY FARMS AND GARDENS DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By 
Catherine M. Bradley
Chief 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 26 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Mary Guzman
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6-29-07
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor