

PROCLAMATION

Presented by Supervisor Ron Roberts

HONORING THE SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of residents is of primary concern for the County of San Diego and on July 13, 2010, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted Live Well San Diego to achieve the County's vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the Live Well San Diego initiative is about uniting all sectors — business, schools, military and veterans' organizations, community and faith-based organizations, and all levels of government — in order to bring about positive change; and

WHEREAS, established in 1972, The San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center (d.b.a. The Center) is one of the largest and most vibrant LGBT community centers in the nation, providing targeted programs and services to the full diversity of the San Diego LGBT community, including men, women, youth, seniors, trans and non-binary individuals, families, LGBT Latino community members and their families, and those living with HIV; and

WHEREAS, the mission of The Center is to enhance and sustain the health and well-being of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and HIV communities by providing, programs and services that create community, empower community members, provide essential resources, advocate for civil and human rights, and embrace, promote and support our cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, in its 45th year, The Center provided more than 82,000 direct service visits to over 24,000 San Diego community members, and through its events, activities, and advocacy, touched the lives of thousands more; and

WHEREAS, The Center is committed to building better health by providing free HIV and Hepatitis C testing to all members of the community, providing members of the community access to affordable primary care services on-site once a week; and

WHEREAS, The Center is committed to building a safer community by providing Transgender Sensitivity trainings to police precincts all throughout the county and working with middle and high schools across the county to create safe spaces for LGBTQ youth; and

WHEREAS, The San Diego LGBT Community Center is committed to continuing to advance Live Well San Diego into the future, and is embracing strategies of this vision in ways such as building a better service delivery system, supporting positive healthy choice, pursuing policy and environmental changes; and improving the culture within government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and The Center is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairwoman Kristin Gaspar and all members of the San Diego Board of Supervisors on this 12th day of December 2018 that they commend THE SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER FOR its outstanding commitment to the health and well-being of county residents, and do hereby declare this day to be "SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY" throughout San Diego County.



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