



PROCLAMATION

Presented by Chairwoman Kristin Gaspar

HONORING PUPPY PRODIGIES AS A LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO PARTNER

WHEREAS, Puppy Prodigies is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has been offering canine-assisted programs since 2006. They are a grassroots organization that prides itself on their pioneering efforts and innovative programs utilizing highly skilled and task trained service dogs, certified and registered therapy dogs and trained emotional support dogs, and

WHEREAS, Puppy Prodigies mission is to enrich the lives and well-being of kids with special needs, people with disabilities, wounded warriors and veterans with PTSD by taking them from the battleground to the playground, and

WHEREAS, Puppy Prodigies' unique social and recreational activities provide participants the healing power of the ocean, and the healing power of dogs through canine-assisted surfing, paddling, swimming, playing and therapy, and

WHEREAS, Puppy Prodigies strives to connect people through the challenges they face, and provide a platform where the positive impact of giving back to the community helps participants in their own healing process, and

WHEREAS, Puppy Prodigies wants to reduce the staggering statistics of suicides committed every 65 minutes by active duty service members and veterans by enabling them to continue their life of service and find new purpose by engaging in community service while mentoring and inspiring future generations, and

WHEREAS, Puppy Prodigies wants to decrease the marginalization of kids with special needs and people with disabilities by providing all-inclusive social and recreational canine-assisted activities, and

WHEREAS, Puppy Prodigies wants to end drowning as the leading cause of death for kids with autism by providing canine-assisted swim lessons at no charge to the families, and

WHEREAS, Puppy Prodigies is rooted in the human-canine bond, and dedicated to helping individuals grow in mind, body and spirit through the unconditional love and acceptance only a dog can provide, and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations who are dedicated to the best ideals of public service, and Puppy Prodigies is one such worthy organization. NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairwoman Kristin Gaspar and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 29th day of March 2018 that they commend PUPPY PRODIGIES for its outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County, and do hereby declare this day "PUPPY PRODIGIES LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY" throughout San Diego County



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