San Diego Children's Discovery Museum Board Resolution

Live Well, San Diego! Initiative March 8, 2016

WHEREAS, the mission of San Diego Children's Discovery Museum is to inspire children to learn about our world through exploration, imagination, and experimentation; and

WHEREAS, the vision of San Diego Children's Discovery Museum is to be a model community children's museum providing access to authentic hands-on learning experiences that develop the whole child lifelong learners, and global citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of San Diego Children's Discovery Museum guides the organization in identifying and responding to the educational needs of San Diego County communities through high quality educational resources, services, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Children's Discovery Museum is the only children's museum in North San Diego County, and the only children's museum in the area that provides multifaceted programs on science, arts, and world cultures targeting children ages 0-10; and

WHEREAS, the organizational direction and vision of San Diego Children's Discovery Museum align with the values of *Live Well*, *San Diego!* in all five Areas of Influence: Health, Knowledge, Standard of Living, Community, and Social; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Children's Discovery Museum's work aligns with the *Live Well, San Diego!* vision of Building Better Health through our partnerships with community organizations such as Palomar Health, North County LifeLine, Escondido Community Child Development Center, Escondido Union School District and other organizations that work with youth and families in the area; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Children's Discovery Museum's work aligns with the *Live Well, San Diego!* vision of Living Safely by bridging an important gap in early childhood education, providing a safe and fun space for families to learn together while strengthening family bonds; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Children's Discovery Museum is committed to ensuring all children have access to hands-on learning by offering field-trip scholarships, providing over 500 complementary annual memberships to local underserved families, and around 10,000 complementary admissions to active-duty and veteran families each year; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Children's Discovery Museum's work aligns with the *Live Well, San Diego!* vision of Thriving by developing and providing supportive educational resources, exhibits and programs at the Museum that align with federal and state curriculum requirements; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Children's Discovery Museum offers free community events and other collaborative programs throughout the year to ensure everyone has access to our educational resources; and

WHEREAS, at San Diego Children's Discovery Museum young children are exposed to activities that increase school readiness, and school-age children are encouraged to practice skills they are learning in schools; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Children's Discovery Museum's leadership understands the vital role collaboration and partnership play in building a healthy, safe, and economically thriving region, and therefore commit organizational resources to the building of networks of support to benefit those that are underserved and disadvantaged in the community; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Children's Discovery Museum has a substantial email list for use in communicating opportunities and resources to children and families across San Diego County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that through these programs San Diego Children's Discovery Museum supports the County of San Diego *Live Well, San Diego!* Initiative and joins as a partner organization on the path to improve health and wellness in the region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 8th day of March 2016 by the Board of Directors of San Diego Children's Discovery Museum.

Javier Guerrero Executive Director

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Carmen Nava, Board Secretary

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