

PROCLAMATION

Presented By Chairwoman Dianne Jacob and Vice Chairman Bill Horn

HONORING THE UNITED WAY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, United Way of San Diego County's vision states: "United Way envisions a vibrant community built on opportunity for everyone," and its mission is: "to spark breakthrough community action that elevates every child and family toward a brighter future;" and

WHEREAS, United Way of San Diego County's focus is on children's academic success, from cradle to career, and the foundation of family financial stability and health that is critical to supporting children; and

WHEREAS, United Way of San Diego County led an unprecedented private-public partnership with the City and County on the homeless frequent user initiative, Project 25, to reduce costs by 70%, saving \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, United Way of San Diego County has focused on children's academic success by educating 900 families around readiness for kindergarten and providing multiple schools with third grade reading interventions; and

WHEREAS, United Way of San Diego County distributes over 20,000 books per year to low income families to reduce summer reading loss; and

WHEREAS, United Way of San Diego County partnered with the County Health & Human Services Agency's Community Action Partnership to lead the Earned Income Tax Coalition to prepare over 25,000 tax returns and return \$10.4 million in EITC refunds in 2014; and

WHEREAS, United Way of San Diego County worked with the Community Action Partnership, local universities and community based organizations to screen and enroll over 3,000 families in public benefits; and

WHEREAS, United Way of San Diego County provided job training and placement for 900 adults and nearly 200 youth, and recruited over 5,000 volunteer readers, tutors and mentors; and

WHEREAS, United Way of San Diego County is committed to working collectively with partners to improve regional outcomes for health, education, income and food insecurity through volunteerism and community engagement; 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 United Way of San Diego County is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairwoman Dianne Jacob and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 21st day of October 2014, that they commend the UNITED WAY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY for outstanding commitment to the community, and do hereby declare this day to be "UNITED WAY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY DAY" throughout San Diego County.

