

# **PROCLAMATION**

*Presented By Supervisor Ron Roberts*

## **HONORING URBAN CORPS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY AS A LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO PARTNER**

*WHEREAS, with the health and well-being of residents of primary concern, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency developed, and the Board of Supervisors approved, the Live Well San Diego Initiative to serve as the blueprint for achieving 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, very importantly, all levels of government – in order to bring about positive change; and*

*WHEREAS, Urban Corps of San Diego County is a certified local conservation corps and charter school whose mission is to provide young adults both a high school education and job training and community service in the fields of conservation and recycling, which will assist these young men and women in becoming more employable while protecting San Diego's natural resources and instilling the importance of community service; and*

*WHEREAS, Urban Corps provides these educational opportunities to more than 400 young people annually, removing them from poverty and homelessness and encouraging a commitment to changing their lives; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2013, Urban Corps graduated 81 corps-members with high school diplomas and experienced 75 percent of those graduates successfully beginning a job or enrolling in post-secondary education; and*

*WHEREAS, Urban Corps promotes health and safety throughout its organization by requiring daily physical activity by all corps-members, participating in the national school lunch program emphasizing healthy food choices, partnering with SAY San Diego to offer tobacco prevention workshops, providing mental health counseling through a partnership with the University of San Diego, and by implementing a comprehensive injury and illness prevention program in the workplace; and*

*WHEREAS, Urban Corps realizes the critical importance of both physical and mental health and partnered with the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) and the Live Well San Diego North Central Leadership Team in 2014 to assist with May is Mental Health Month workshops to staff and students; and*

*WHEREAS, committed to continuing the advancement of Live Well San Diego into the future, Urban Corp embraces strategies of this initiative, including building a better service delivery system, supporting positive choices, pursuing policy and environmental change, and improving culture within; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations that support the Live Well San Diego Initiative vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities and Urban Corps 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014 that they commend **URBAN CORPS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY** for its outstanding service, leadership and commitment to the health and wellness of county residents and do hereby declare this day to be "**URBAN CORPS LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY**" throughout San Diego County.*