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RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SUPPORT OF JUNE
2017 AS NATIONAL OCEAN MONTH AT THE SAN
DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix 1, (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, in addition to those powers set forth in the Port Act, Section 35 of the Port Act allows the Board of Port Commissioners to “do all other acts necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers”; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2017, the President of the United States issued a proclamation recognizing June 2017 as National Ocean Month; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation calls upon Americans to reflect on the value and importance of the oceans not only to our security and economy, but also as a source of recreation, enjoyment and relaxation, and recognizes the importance of the nation’s offshore areas for security, economic independence, all while protecting the marine environment for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation also recognizes the importance of fisheries resources and the opportunities for expansion of our seafood exports, and states: “The fisheries resources of the United States are among the most valuable in the world. Growing global demand for seafood presents tremendous opportunities for expansion of our seafood exports, which can reduce our more than \$13 billion seafood trade deficit”; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego region is home to 70 miles of iconic coastline along the Pacific Ocean and a rich and diverse community of interest with a common passion for our shared ocean resources, including: a strong military presence anchored by the U.S. Navy and supported by the U.S. Coast Guard and other armed services; an active fishing industry comprised of a contemporary commercial fishing, sportfishing, and aquaculture community; a modern shipbuilding and maritime technology hub; a network of academic institutions with a commitment to ocean studies –including Scripps Institute of Oceanography; an engaged cross-section of professional and advocacy organizations, such as the Port of San Diego Ship Repair Association, San Diego Military Advisory Council, and The Maritime Alliance to name a few; and a broad collection of government agencies and environmental organizations with ocean-centric responsibilities and interests; and

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WHEREAS, as coastal communities celebrate National Ocean Month, the District stands as a proud supporter and advocate; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to our partnerships and healthy, prosperous, and safe ocean waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, hereby proclaims support of June 2017 as “National Ocean Month” at the San Diego Unified Port District.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 20th day of June, 2017, by the following vote: