

**DRAFT****RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx****A PROCLAMATION HONORING GREG COX FOR HIS LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE, CULMINATING IN 25 YEARS OF REPRESENTING DISTRICT 1 ON THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHICH INCLUDES ALL, OR PORTIONS OF ALL, FIVE PORT MEMBER CITIES**

**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 I (Port Act); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 35 of the Port Act allows the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) to do all acts necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 21 of the Port Act allows the BPC to pass all necessary resolutions for the regulation of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox has served for 25 years as the District 1 elected representative on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, representing all or part of the District's five member cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox, due to term limits, is leaving the office he has held since first taking office in January 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox worked tirelessly in the interests of the 631,000 residents of his diverse Supervisorial district that includes parts of San Diego, and the cities of National City, Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, and Coronado; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox, a lifelong resident of his district, championed construction of the nearly completed Bayshore Bikeway, a free 24-mile bicycle circuit around San Diego Bay that the District has helped fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox has partnered with the District on projects of regional significance, including the Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan, the Living Coast Discovery Center, and the Tuna Harbor Dockside Market; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox has been unwavering in his efforts to improve the quality of life in the South Bay by making sure that a representative amount of the county's budget – currently \$6.27 billion -- be spent in his district; and

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**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox displayed caring and compassion for the people of his district, seeking innovative ways to deliver services to children, the elderly, foster and adoptive families, and others in need of access to affordable health care, workforce training, homeless services, and good jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox, who earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from San Diego State University, began his public service career in his hometown of Chula Vista by following his parents into the field of education by teaching students at Sweetwater Union High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox went on to be elected to the Chula Vista City Council before being elected to two terms as Chula Vista Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox has exhibited exemplary leadership, becoming the only elected official in California to be elected by Mayors and City Councilmembers across the state as President of the League of California Cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox was elected by Supervisors statewide to be President of the California State Association of Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox has served the San Diego region and the people of California on the California Coastal Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox has received numerous regional and national awards, including the Planning Advocate Award from the American Planning Association and the Outstanding Public Official Award from the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Cox managed a life of public service while helping rear two children with his wife, Cheryl, herself a former two-term Chula Vista Mayor and educator.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, does hereby proclaim and recognize Greg Cox for his prodigious career of selfless service to the people of the South Bay, the people of the San Diego region, and the people of California and wish him a happy and satisfying retirement.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:  
GENERAL COUNSEL

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By: Assistant/Deputy

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020, by the following vote: