

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Assembly

RESOLUTION



By the Honorable Toni G. Atkins
Speaker of the Assembly, Relative to commending

San Diego Zoo Global

Whereas, San Diego Zoo Global is celebrating its centennial during the year 2016, and it is appropriate at this time to highlight its many achievements and underscore the positive impact it has made in the protection and preservation of endangered animal species; and

Whereas, A nonprofit organization that operates the San Diego Zoo, San Diego Zoo Safari Park, and San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research, San Diego Zoo Global is committed to saving species worldwide by uniting its expertise in animal care and conservation science with its dedication to inspiring passion for nature; and

Whereas, Established as the San Diego Zoo on October 2, 1916, by Dr. Harry M. Wiegand, San Diego Zoo Global is currently led by President and Chief Executive Officer Douglas G. Myers and encompasses a membership of more than 250,000 member households and 130,000 child memberships, making it the largest zoological membership association in the world; and

Whereas, San Diego Zoo Global originated from the success of the San Diego Zoo, a 100-acre zoo located in San Diego's Balboa Park that serves as the home to more than 3,500 rare and endangered animals representing more than 650 species and subspecies, as well as a prominent botanical collection of more than 700,000 exotic plants; and

Whereas, The operations of the San Diego Zoo are further supported by the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, an expansive wildlife sanctuary in the San Pasqual Valley that shelters more than 3,000 animals representing over 300 species, as well as 3,500 species—a total of 1.75 million specimens—of flora, and over half of the Park's 1,800 acres have been set aside as protected native species habitat; and

Whereas, Located on the property of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research holds distinction as one of the largest zoo-based research centers in the world, founded in 1975, the Institute is dedicated to preserving and protecting rare and endangered wildlife and habitats, with its staff developing, gathering, and increasing knowledge vital to the establishment of self-sustaining populations of wildlife; and

Whereas, The recipient of numerous awards and honors, San Diego Zoo Global has evolved into one of the world's leading conservation organizations, a dynamic force striving to protect and ensure the continued well-being of endangered wildlife; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by Speaker of the Assembly Toni G. Atkins, That San Diego Zoo Global be applauded on the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary, commended for the vital role it has played in attending to the world's most pressing conservation efforts and maintaining healthy wildlife populations, and extended best wishes for continued success in the future.

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Dated this 1st day of January, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Toni G. Atkins".

Honorable Toni G. Atkins
Speaker of the Assembly

