



San Diego Unified School District
Board of Education

PROCLAMATION

Presented by San Diego Unified Board Trustees

Proclamation Recognizing San Diego Zoo's Centennial Celebration

WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Wegeforth dedicated the San Diego Zoo to the children of San Diego and during its 100-year history, the Zoo has continued to provide free admission to schoolchildren in San Diego County through its second-grade field trip program; and

WHEREAS, this year at the Zoo's 100th birthday, the Zoo now dedicates itself to the children of the world; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1916, the San Diego Zoo has strived for and maintained the highest standards of excellence in the zoological field. From building the first veterinary hospital at a U.S. zoo in 1927, to creating the state-of-the-art veterinary hospital at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park in 2001, the zoo has been a leader in the field of veterinary care, animal husbandry, and animal welfare since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Zoo is more than a zoo, it has become a world-class research organization, conservation education center, endangered animal sanctuary, premiere botanical garden, and leading expert on wildlife diseases; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Zoo is a leader in connecting people with wildlife and conservation. It plays a critical role in both educating the public on the challenges species face globally and how individuals can help prevent wildlife extinction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education joins with all others locally, throughout the United States, and all over the world in sending our best wishes and grateful appreciation for the continued partnership and collaboration with the San Diego Zoo, as we celebrate the centennial and look forward to the next 100 years.

Adopted and approved by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of April 2016.

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