

San Diego County Board of Education

Resolution
Honoring
San Diego Zoo
Centennial

Whereas in its first 100 years, the San Diego Zoo has grown from a small collection of animals remaining from the 1915-16 Panama Exhibition to the foremost zoo in the world; and

Whereas this historic milestone is a tribute to the vision of the zoo's founder Dr. Harry Wegforth, who dedicated the San Diego Zoo to the children of San Diego; and

Whereas through classroom presentations, zoo tours, outreach programs, and educational resources, the San Diego Zoo has provided invaluable educational opportunities to the members of the public, including tens of thousands of school children from throughout the county for generations; and

Whereas 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 the San Diego Zoo has become a world-class research organization, conservation education center, endangered animal sanctuary, botanical garden, and expert on wildlife diseases; and

Whereas the San Diego Zoo is a leading conservation organization that has bred over 165 endangered species and reintroduced over 30 species back to the wild; and

Whereas the San Diego Zoo is a leader in connecting people with wildlife and conservation, and ignites a passion in people to care for animals and to become involved in protecting them. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the San Diego County Board of Education commemorates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the "world famous" San Diego Zoo on October 2, 1916.

Passed and Adopted this 13th day of April 2016 at a regular meeting of the San Diego County Board of Education.

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