WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of residents is of primary concern for the County of San Diego and on July 13, 2010, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the Live Well San Diego vision to achieve the County’s vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the Live Well San Diego vision is about uniting all sectors—business, schools, military and veteran’s organizations, community and faith-based organizations, and all levels of government—in order to bring about positive change; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego is to restore, sustain and enhance the health and developmental potential of children through excellence in care, education, research and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego opened its doors in 1954 to receive its first 12 patients and today is a 520 bed facility and the only hospital in the San Diego area dedicated exclusively to pediatric healthcare and the region’s only designated pediatric trauma center; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating the principals of Live Well San Diego, Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego is committed to promoting physical activity through events, such as their annual Hospital Family Walk and the Miracle Challenge, a 27-day fitness and wellness fundraising program; and

WHEREAS, Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego is supporting positive choices with initiatives, such as the “Rethink Your Drink” campaign to encourage employees, patients and their families to drink fewer sugary beverages thereby reducing obesity; and

WHEREAS, Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego is pursuing policy and environmental change by maintaining a no-smoking policy on its campus; and

WHEREAS, exemplifying the core of Living Safely, Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego is devoted to making our communities safer through expanding their Safe Routes to School programs and leading the San Diego Safe Kids Coalition, focusing on injury prevention; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations dedicated to the best ideals of public service, and Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairman Ron Roberts and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 12th day of September 2016 that they commend Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego for its outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the health and wellness of county residents, and do hereby declare this day to be the “Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego Live Well San Diego Day” throughout San Diego County.