PROCLAMATION
Presented by Vice Chairman Dave Roberts

HONORING SAN DIEGO CENTER FOR THE BLIND

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of residents is of primary concern for the County of San Diego as reflected in our vision of a region that is Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving... Live Well San Diego; and

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

WHEREAS, since 1972, the San Diego Center for the Blind (SDCB) has been providing vision rehabilitation services to persons who are blind and vision impaired in San Diego, by helping any adult with blindness or vision impairment to reach their highest level of independence; and

WHEREAS, SDCB supports positive choices by offering counseling to help people adjust to vision loss, training for individuals in essential life skills with a focus on whole body wellness, nutrition and exercise, as well as how to travel safely and efficiently while using white canes and public transportation; rehabilitation, and community education and outreach programs; and SDCB’s commitment to ensuring the emotional and physical well-being of persons who are visually impaired has become a nationwide model for service delivery, as well as an international model for designing an accessible facility; and

WHEREAS, SDCB also provides low-vision screening and assessment, assistive technology products to help those with changing vision, and training on the use of accessible computers and Braille; and

WHEREAS, SDCB’s numerous volunteers assist staff in a wide range of activities, including teacher aides, administrative and client assistance, and general maintenance; and

WHEREAS, SDCB participates on the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters’ Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee to help ensure continued and improved access for persons who are blind and visually impaired to participate in the elections process; and

WHEREAS, SDCB is committed to helping achieve the vision of Live Well San Diego by continuing to promote positive, healthy choices to its vision-impaired clients, employees and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, White Cane Safety Day is a commemoration to persons who are blind and vision impaired and their growing spirit to be self-reliant and independent, and SDCB annually recognizes the thousands of individuals with no vision and those with changing vision by celebrating the spirit of White Cane Day; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service, and San Diego Center for the Blind is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairman Horn and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 11th day of October, 2015, that they commend the SAN DIEGO CENTER FOR THE BLIND for its outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the health and wellness of county residents, and do hereby declare this day to be the “SAN DIEGO CENTER FOR THE BLIND LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO / WHITE CANE DAY” throughout San Diego County.

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