IN SUPPORT OF TORTURE SURVIVORS LIVING IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND SURVIVORS OF TORTURE, INTERNATIONAL

WHEREAS, torture is a profound human rights abuse that affects millions of individuals and their families around the world; and

WHEREAS, approximately 11,000 survivors of torture have come to San Diego seeking refuge, safety and the opportunity to build a new life; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1997, Survivors of Torture, International has provided services to more than 1,600 survivors of torture to help them heal from deep physical and emotional wounds, rebuild trust in others, restore their self-esteem and reconnect with their families, friends, and communities; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2015, Survivors of Torture, International will celebrate eighteen years helping survivors of torture regain a sense of dignity and belonging; and

WHEREAS, the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family are the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Survivors of Torture, International's work is critical to the city, state, nation, and world; 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 Survivors of Torture, International is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairman Bill Horn and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 7th Day of April, 2015, that they recognize the historical and current importance of SURVIVORS OF TORTURE, and do hereby declare this day to be "SURVIVORS OF TORTURE" day throughout San Diego County.