

## **RESOLUTION 2013-103**

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROCLAMATION HONORING RETIRING CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH CITY MANAGER, GARY BROWN, FOR HIS SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a special district created by an Act of the Legislature in 1962, as codified in the California Harbors and Navigation Code, Appendix I (Port Act); and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Brown began his career in business administration with honors in Political Science from the University of Florida, also obtaining an MBA with emphasis on Finance from Wake Forest University; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his public service, Gary Brown demonstrated his commitment to better cities and communities through his participation in the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA), served as President of the California City Managers Association, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) in the committee on Bi-national Regional Opportunities committee, through Caritas (a group that feeds and clothes the poor in Tijuana), and through serving on the Board of Directors for Kiwanis; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Brown is a proud father of 2 children; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Brown has served with distinction as City Manager of the City of Imperial Beach since December 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, despite leading the City of 28,000 residents during challenging economic times, Gary Brown successfully led the municipal finances out of deficits and into a period of stability and budget surpluses; and

**WHEREAS**, with innovation and creative leadership, Gary Brown presided over a series of "firsts" including, the City's first Capital Improvement Plan, Redevelopment Action Plan, establishment of a successful Beach Patrol which serves over 2 million beach visitors every year, introduction of financing for low and moderate income residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Brown capably represented the City of Imperial Beach to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), San Diego Unified Port District, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve, South County Economic Development Corporation, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, which increased the visibility, credibility, and effectiveness of Imperial Beach impact on regional interests; and

**WHEREAS**, as City Manager and executive director of the Redevelopment Agency, Gary Brown successfully negotiated the major new hotel resort complex and 45,000 square foot shopping center to revitalize the two major thoroughfares of critical importance to the City's future.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District as follows:

The Board does hereby honor and commend Gary Brown for his exemplary service to the citizens of Imperial Beach which has enriched the lives of all residents and wish him well in his retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 11th day of June, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Castellanos, Malcolm, Merrifield, Moore, Nelson, Smith, Valderrama

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None.

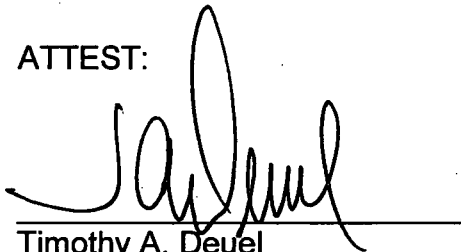
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Ann Y. Moore, Chair  
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel  
District Clerk

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