## **RESOLUTION 2013-163**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROCLAMATION HONORING KANEKO BISHOP, PRESIDENT OF THE SAN DIEGO-YOKOHAMA SISTER CITY SOCIETY, FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND EFFORTS TO FORGE CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL AND CLOSE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN SISTER CITIES, PORTS AND NATIONS

- WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the Legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix I (Port Act); and
- **WHEREAS**, active in local civic and cultural affairs for more than four decades, Kaneko Bishop has promoted a greater understanding of Japan and Japanese culture throughout the region, notably at the Yokohama Friendship Bell on Shelter Island; and
- **WHEREAS**, for her stellar efforts in promoting a strong regional relationship between San Diego and Yokohama, recently in Tokyo she was awarded one of the government of Japan's most prestigious decorations: The Order of the Rising Sun, with Gold and Silver Rays; and
- **WHEREAS**, Kaneko Bishop has organized many public events at the Yokohama Friendship Bell including a celebration in 2010 of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Port of Yokohama; and
- WHEREAS, Kaneko Bishop was key to the people of Yokohama presenting the people of San Diego with the "Girl in Red Shoes" sculpture that stands at the Friendship Bell in recognition of the occasion; and
- **WHEREAS**, Kaneko Bishop has also served the District as a cultural liaison for visits from delegations from Sasebo, Japan; and
- **WHEREAS**, in November 2012, Kaneko Bishop assisted with a delegation from Sasebo that came to San Diego to honor the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister Port relationship between the Port of San Diego and the Port of Sasebo; and
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, does hereby proclaim and recognize Kaneko Bishop for her leadership and efforts to forge cultural understanding, goodwill and close friendship between sister cities, ports and nations.

## APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

PORT ATTORNEY

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 10th day of September, 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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