

RESOLUTION 2013-219

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROCLAMATION
POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING DAN E. WILKINS,
FORMER EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, FOR HIS
SERVICE TO THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT
DISTRICT**

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, Dan E. Wilkens retired from the District in 2009 after 25 years of outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he coordinated organization-wide strategic programs including intergovernmental and regulatory programs at the local, state and federal levels of government, short and long-range budget and financial planning, and relations with fellow staff members, members of the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC), tenants and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkens was a champion of the District, surrounding communities and politics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkens was a driving force in opening the District culture to public involvement, and more importantly, being responsive to community needs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkens strived to treat others with respect even when relationships were strained, such as his work with the Barrio Logan Community in development of the Cesar Chavez Bayfront Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkens actively worked with Barrio Station and the BPC in making sure the children of Barrio Logan had a soccer field at the Cesar Chavez Park, and worked with Barrio Station, the Latino Youth Soccer League, the BPC and Continental Maritime to contribute additional land so that the Cesar Chavez Park could be expanded with additional parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, the soccer field has become one of the most popular venues among youth in that neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkens facilitated environmental protection of San Diego Bay, working with local environmental groups, and federal and state natural

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resource agencies, to strengthen the District's role as an environmental steward of San Diego Bay; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkens played a vital role in coordinating the establishment of the 1,400-acre San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge, which was formally dedicated in June of 1999 and his skill, quick action and deep commitment to the fledgling Wildlife Refuge was instrumental in ensuring that it was a success and still thrives today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkens displayed leadership, exceptional performance, outstanding political acumen, intelligence, and initiative in accomplishing projects and goals for the long-term sustainability and effectiveness of the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District posthumously honor Dan E. Wilkens and approves the attached Proclamation in testimony thereto.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
PORT ATTORNEY


By: Assistant/Deputy

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 10th day of December, 2013, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None.

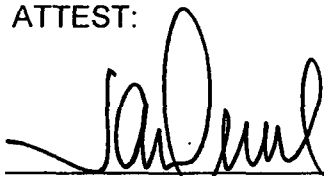
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Ann Y. Moore, Chair
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel
District Clerk

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