

RESOLUTION 2015-55

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING MAY 22, 2015 AS NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District is a public corporation created by the legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix 1, (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, Section 21 of the Port Act authorizes the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) to pass all necessary ordinances and resolutions for the regulation of the District; and

WHEREAS, since 1933, Congress has declared May 22 as National Maritime Day, a day for the United States to observe its proud maritime heritage, honor the men and women who serve and have served as merchant mariners, and recognize the contributions of our American maritime industry; and

WHEREAS, the Port of San Diego has partnered with ILUW Local 29, stevedoring companies, tug boat operators, vessel owners, truck drivers and logistics providers to ensure the safe, efficient and environmentally responsible movement of cargo through our terminals, and

WHEREAS, U.S. seaports handle more than 2 billion tons of domestic, import and export cargo annually and according to U.S. Census statistics, the value of international goods shipped through U.S. seaports in 2011 was \$1.73 trillion, making ports of all sizes integral to the movement of goods and to robust regional, national and global economies; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Bay's working waterfront is home to the Port of San Diego's two marine terminals, where food for the region, such as bananas and melons, as well as project cargo, fertilizer and other cargo is imported at the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. Further supporting the local economy, one in 10 automobiles imported to the United States by sea is offloaded at the National City Marine Terminal; and

WHEREAS, the Port of San Diego's two cruise ship terminals in the heart of the Embarcadero bring thousands of visitors annually to San Diego's "front porch" and contribute \$2 million for every homeport vessel, and

WHEREAS, industrial and maritime commerce and related industries around the Port tidelands contribute \$4 billion to the region's economy and generate 23,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, California ports have reduced diesel particulate emissions by more than 70%, sulfur oxide emissions by more than 70%, nitrogen oxide emissions by more than 50%, and greenhouse gas emissions by more than 20% since 2005, and

WHEREAS, the Port of San Diego is currently undergoing an environmental impact report to determine the feasibility of modernizing the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal to handle additional refrigerated containers, break-bulk and bulk cargos within the existing footprint, and generating jobs and positive economic impact to the region, and

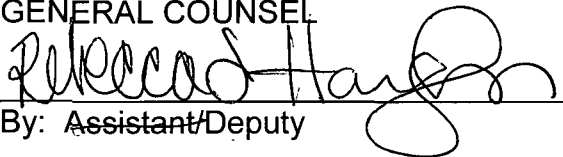
WHEREAS, the San Diego region's maritime industrial businesses and their suppliers, and industry stakeholders have joined to form the Working Waterfront Group, a coalition dedicated to preserving the industry's positive contributions to the region's economy, environment and jobs; and

WHEREAS, the important contributions made by San Diego Bay's working waterfront to the region will be highlighted during the month of May, including a special live KUSI broadcast that will take place May 28, 2015 on Port tidelands, which will focus on the importance of the maritime industry; and

WHEREAS, the Port of San Diego designates the month of May as Maritime Month, highlighting the many businesses along the San Diego Bay waterfront that contribute to the maritime industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, that a proclamation commemorating May 22, 2015, as National Maritime Day, is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL


By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 12th day of May 2015, by the following vote:

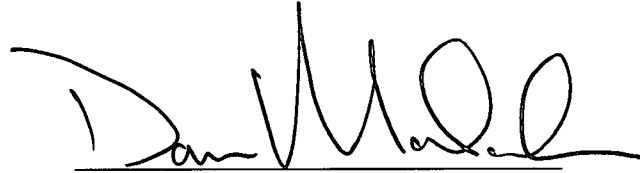
AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Malcolm, Merrifield, Moore, Nelson, and Valderrama.

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None.

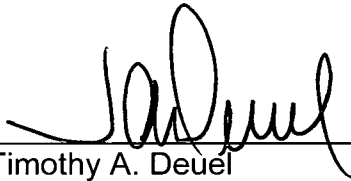
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Dan Malcolm, Chairman
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel
District Clerk

