## **RESOLUTION 2015-85**

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ON JULY 26, 2015

- 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 to pass all necessary ordinances and resolutions for the regulation of the District; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will celebrate its 25th anniversary on July 26, 2015; and
- **WHEREAS**, in 1992, the San Diego Unified Port District formed a community Ad-Hoc Committee to assist with the completion of the ADA Transition Plan to remove structural barriers; and
- **WHEREAS**, in 1997, the San Diego Unified Port District formed a Citizens Advisory Committee, whose mission was to assist the Port with ADA compliance; and
- **WHEREAS**, in 2002, the San Diego Unified Port District conducted a selfevaluation to identify and amend its policies and practices to be consistent with ADA standards; and
- **WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified Port District's Accessibility Advisory Committee, formed in 2002, continues to assist with access concerns; and
- WHEREAS, on April 12, 2005, the Board of Port Commissioners adopted BPC Policy No. 362 to formalize its commitment to ensure that all services, programs and facilities are to be fully usable and accessible to all persons with disabilities as defined by the ADA and all other applicable federal, state, and local laws; and
- WHEREAS, all public works projects include accessibility compliance. To date, the San Diego Unified Port District has completed more than 28 projects with specific accessibility improvements, at a cost of more than \$13 million; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects included improvements to playgrounds, major roadways, fishing piers, sidewalks, public boat docks, restrooms, the Cruise Ship Terminal and other areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified Port District works with its tenants on the importance of accessibility and encourages them to adopt Universal Design concepts that go above and beyond ADA requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, that a proclamation in recognition of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26, 2015, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 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. Déuel District Clerk

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