

***WHEREAS,** Ralph Strahm served as the Coordinator of Volunteer Services for the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation from 1984 to 1987; and*

***WHEREAS,** in 1987 Ralph Strahm left the Department of Parks and Recreation to join the County's Department of Library Services, serving as the Public Information Officer and Deputy Director until his retirement from County service in 1989; and*

***WHEREAS,** following his retirement from County service Ralph Strahm joined the San Diego County Parks Society, which included serving as Vice President from 1989 to 2015, championing the needs and seeking funding to enhance San Diego County's park and recreation facilities and programs for the benefit of the citizens of San Diego; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout his life Ralph Strahm has also worked and volunteered as an American Peace Corps volunteer and General Manager in Malaysia, a consultant for the Deafness Research Foundation, a Boys and Girls Club Director, and a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Police Department Program; and*

***WHEREAS,** Ralph Strahm consistently displayed a spirit of cooperation, goodwill and a true dedication to San Diego County, making it a better place during his 50 plus years of work and volunteerism; and*

WHEREAS,** the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those individuals who dedicate themselves to the noblest motive of public good, and Ralph Strahm is one such worthy citizen; **NOW THEREFORE,

***BE IT PROCLAIMED** by Supervisor Dianne Jacob and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 5th day of January, 2016 that they commend Ralph Strahm for outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to businesses and residents in San Diego County, and do hereby declare this day to be "RALPH STRAHM DAY" throughout San Diego County.*