BOARD OF EDUCATION
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE	**)**	
RECOGNITION OF MAY 2008 AS	**)**	**RESOLUTION**
WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES MONTH	**)**	

WHEREAS, the government of the United States of America has recognized the importance of languages and cultures in the nation through the establishment of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI) in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Committee for Economic Development (CED) issued a 2006 report entitled "Education for Global Leadership: The Importance of International Studies and Foreign Language Education for US Economic and National Security;"and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly in its effort to promote unity in diversity and global understanding has proclaimed 2008 as the International Year of the Languages; and

WHEREAS, language organizations in California participate in the 10-year Discover Languages, Discover the World! campaign sponsored by the American Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages to increase public awareness in the United States of the importance of providing educational instruction in languages and cultures; and

WHEREAS, the study of languages and cultures improves the academic and literacy skills of the students, leading to increased levels of achievement on verbal and quantitative examinations; and

WHEREAS, the study of languages and cultures increases understanding of, and encourages respect for people of different backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified School District recognizes the cultural diversity of the students, staff, administrators, and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District recognizes May 2008 as World Languages and Cultures Month and encourages teachers, staff members, and students to initiate and/or participate in activities that celebrate the different languages and cultures of the world.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, California, at a public meeting thereof duly called and held this 22nd day of April 2008.

President

Vice President

Member

Member

Member

Superintendent