PROCLAMATION
Presented by Chairman Ron Roberts

HONORING THE SAN DIEGO ZOO GLOBAL
100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, San Diego Zoo Global is a not-for-profit organization that operates the San Diego Zoo, the San Diego Zoo Safari Park and the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research; and

WHEREAS, the iconic 100-acre San Diego Zoo known world-wide is home to more than 3,700 rare and endangered animals representing more than 650 species and subspecies, and a prominent botanical collection with more than 700,000 exotic plants; and

WHEREAS, the Safari Park is an expansive wildlife sanctuary occupying 1,800 acres and is home to more than 2,600 animals representing more than 300 species in addition to its renowned botanical collection which consists of 3,500 species and 1.5 million specimens; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1975, the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research is one of the largest zoo-based research centers in the world dedicated to preserving and protecting rare and endangered wildlife and habitats; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Zoo Global is not only a catalyst for wildlife conservation, it is an economic driver, attracting more than 5 million visitors annually and employing our citizens in its parks and research facilities; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 14, 2016, San Diego Zoo Global will celebrate its centennial at the Spreckles Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park with music, giant puppets, animals, and a host of exciting activities; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service, and San Diego Zoo Global is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairman Ron Roberts and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of May 2016 that they commend SAN DIEGO ZOO GLOBAL for 100 years of outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to area residents, and do hereby declare this day to be "SAN DIEGO ZOO GLOBAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY DAY" throughout San Diego County.