San Diego County Board of Education

Resolution

Honoring
San Diego Zoo
Centennial

Whereas in its first 100 years, the San Diego Zoo has grown from a small collection of animals remaining from the 1915-16 Panama Exhibition to the foremost zoo in the world;

Whereas this historic milestone is a tribute to the vision of the zoo’s founder Dr. Harry Wegeforth, who dedicated the San Diego Zoo to the children of San Diego;

Whereas through classroom presentations, zoo tours, outreach programs, and educational resources, the San Diego Zoo has provided invaluable educational opportunities to the members of the public, including tens of thousands of school children from throughout the county for generations;

Whereas during its 100-year history, the Zoo has continued to provide free admission to schoolchildren in San Diego County through its second-grade field trip program;

Whereas the San Diego Zoo has become a world-class research organization, conservation education center, endangered animal sanctuary, botanical garden, and partner on wildlife diseases;

Whereas the San Diego Zoo is a leading conservation organization that has bred over 105 endangered species and reintroduced over 30 species back to the wild;

Whereas the San Diego Zoo is a leader in connecting people with wildlife and conservation, and ignites a passion in people to care for animals and to become involved in protecting them. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the San Diego County Board of Education commemorates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the world famous San Diego Zoo on October 2, 1916.

Passed and Adopted this 15th day of April 2016 at a regular meeting of the San Diego County Board of Education.