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The City of San Diego

# Proclamation

Presented By  
Mayor  
Kevin L.  
Faulconer

## FEDERAL WILDERNESS ACT DAY 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

June 3, 2014

**WHEREAS**, on September 3, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law, creating America's National Wilderness Preservation System; and

**WHEREAS**, America's wilderness landscapes hold boundless opportunities to discover and explore, providing immense value to our nation as natural habitats for diverse wildlife, venues for hiking and camping, and places to inspire awe, wonder and delight; and

**WHEREAS**, our region's iconic wilderness areas draw tourists from across the country and around the world, bolstering local businesses and supporting American jobs within the federally designated wilderness areas of Agua Tibia, Carrizo Gorge, Hauser, Otay Mountain, Pine Creek, San Mateo Canyon, and Sawtooth Mountains that lie within the borders of the County of San Diego; and


**WHEREAS**, nearly 5 percent of the nation is designated to wilderness; with more than 109 million acres throughout 757 areas and 44 out of the 50 states, including Puerto Rico to maintain care for our natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of urban and suburban areas require an innate spiritual longing for contact with wild nature; for undisturbed natural places are critical to filter air, retain water, and allow the recreation in nature, all of which are important for our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Wilderness Preservation System encourages everyone to commemorate and to assist in securing the enduring resource of wilderness for present and future generations; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that I, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, proclaim June 3, 2014, to be "**FEDERAL WILDERNESS ACT DAY**" in the City of San Diego does hereby commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landmark federal Wilderness Act by proclaiming the significance of our National Wilderness Preservation Systems to America's cultural, scientific, historical and spiritual heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND, THIS DAY,  
AND HAVE CAUSED THE SEAL TO BE AFFIXED HERETO:



Kevin L. Faulconer  
MAYOR

June 3, 2014

DATE

