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The City of San Diego

Proclamation

**WILLIAM R. FREEMAN, M.D.
DAY**

Presented By
The Office Of
The Mayor

WHEREAS, William R. Freeman, M.D. is an internationally acclaimed scientific researcher and Director of the Joan & Irwin Jacobs Retina Center, adjoining the University of California, San Diego Eye Center; and

WHEREAS, the clinical research center at the Joan & Irwin Jacobs Retina Center will enable patients to benefit from the latest advances in diagnostic equipment and therapies; and

WHEREAS, researchers working in the Joan & Irwin Jacobs Retina Center's laboratories will focus on advancing promising therapies for macular degeneration, tumors, inherited retinal disease, retinal detachment, macular holes, and other important retinal diseases; and

WHEREAS, William R. Freeman, M.D. is Professor of Ophthalmology at UCSD, Shiley Eye Center and has built a clinical and research enterprise of excellence since he joined UCSD in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the new Joan & Irwin Jacobs Retina Center has allowed William R. Freeman, M.D. to continue to build a research team dedicated to attacking retinal diseases that cause blindness and vision loss; and

WHEREAS, the new Joan & Irwin Jacobs Retina Center includes a clinical research center where new drugs and surgical and medical therapies are used in patients with serious retinal problems. This dedicated free standing center is immediately adjoining the Shiley Eye Center at UCSD and allows patients to benefit from new resources not previously available; and

WHEREAS, the new Joan & Irwin Jacobs Retina Center's research group is divided into different modalities. Each research module is directed by a principal investigator, or two or more co-investigators; and

WHEREAS, the new Joan & Irwin Jacobs Retina Center's research group collaborates with the most innovative biotechnology companies in San Diego; **NOW**

THEREFORE, I, JERRY SANDERS, the 34th Mayor of the City of San Diego, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2008, to be "**William R. Freeman, M.D. Day**" in the City of San Diego in recognition of his Visionary Award by Foundation Fighting Blindness for his commitment and outstanding contributions to the visually impaired community.

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



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JERRY SANDERS
MAYOR

May 14, 2008

DATE