City of Long Beach
California

PROCLAMATION

honoring the passing of the

"Aviles Law"

Whereas, a tragic event occurred in the City of Long Beach on December 14, 2007, in which three young Aviles sisters, Jasmine, Jocelyn, and Stephanie, lost their lives in a fire while sleeping in a garage that had illegally been converted into an apartment; and

Whereas, in response to the tragedy, the City commenced an aggressive Code inspection operation by the Fire Department and Code Enforcement investigators in order to identify and eliminate the use of illegally converted garages as living spaces; and

Whereas, since the City began increased inspections and enforcement in 2007, Long Beach has issued over 550 citations and levied heavy fines amounting to more than $199, 644 to abate existing illegal garage conversions and deter new violations; and

Whereas, to educate the public and reinforce the dangers of illegal garage conversions, and in memory of Jasmine, Jocelyn, and Stephanie Aviles, the City of Long Beach, with the support of the Aviles family, intends to recognize those sections of the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to the abatement of illegal garage conversions as the "Aviles Law;"

Now, Therefore, I, Bob Foster, Mayor of Long Beach along with Dee Andrews, Councilmember of the 6th District, on behalf of the City of Long Beach do hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby formally recognizes Long Beach Municipal Code Sections 9.65.060.0.4, 18.02.050.D, 18.08.010, 18.09.010, 18.20.110, 21.31.245.C, and 21.41.170 relating to the abatement of illegal garage conversions as the "Aviles Law" by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

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CITY OF LONG BEACH
INCORPORATED 1897
BOB FOSTER

Bob Foster
Mayor

Dee Andrews
Councilmember, 6th District

Dated: July 26, 2011