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*Resolution*

**Recognizing Panama Pottery** *of the City Council*  
**and Ramon Santos**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Sacramento has determined that economic development is one of its highest priorities and has adopted an economic agenda which has as a key element, the retention of existing businesses with an emphasis on small business; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to recognize businesses which have thrived and contributed to our local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramon Santos began working for Panama Pottery as an 80 cents-an-hour pottery maker and 23 years later, in 1972, purchased Panama Pottery; and

**WHEREAS**, the company was originally founded in 1913 by Swedish immigrants intrigued by pottery making, and since then, it has sold pottery to retail customers throughout the West; and

**WHEREAS**, Panama Pottery is one of five major pottery makers left in the United States having turned out hundred of thousands of pieces of red clay pottery for more than eight decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Panama Pottery operates out of a striking Titanic-shaped plant marked by a large vent stack towering above the buildings sitting on nearly two acres of land, which is wedged between 24<sup>th</sup> Street and the Union Pacific railroad tracks south of Hughes Stadium; and

**WHEREAS**, after all these years, Arselia and Ramon Santos talk about retirement and stepping away from the day-to-day rigors of running a small business and are looking for a buyer to continue the pottery-making tradition in the capital.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby extend our deep appreciation to Panama Pottery for its longstanding contributions to the local economy and commend the Santos-family for their commitment and efforts in our economic development activities in the City of Sacramento.

ISSUED: This 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1998.

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JOE SERNA, JR., MAYOR

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HEATHER FARGO, DISTRICT ONE

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