



Proclamation of the City Council *City of San Diego* **Global Energy Network Institute Day**

Presented by
Councilmember David Alvarez

Whereas, The Global Energy Network Institute (GENI) is celebrating its 25th year in San Diego, educating and advocating the linking of renewable energy resources around the world; and

Whereas, The Global Energy Network Institute was founded in 1986 by Peter Meisen to investigate the idea of Dr. R. Buckminster Fuller, proposing a global electric energy grid as the number one priority to solve many of the world's most pressing problems; and

Whereas, GENI's mission is to conduct research and to educate world leaders and the public about the critical importance of the interconnection of electric power networks between nations and continents, with an emphasis on tapping abundant renewable energy resources. High-voltage transmission enables the utilization of abundant renewable energy resources; and

Whereas, Renewable energy, which reduces pollution caused by burning fossil fuels, are now the fastest growing clean energy resources in the world, especially wind and solar, has many benefits to society including reducing climate change and toxic pollution from fossil fuels and nuclear waste, increases energy efficiency and sustainable development, and increases trade, cooperation and enhances world peace; and

Whereas, More than 300 volunteers and interns from around the world have contributed their time and expertise to GENI and their global interests and talents have shaped the project and have developed new skills in the Clean Tech revolution; and

Whereas, The GENI Initiative has been endorsed by numerous international organizations, twelve governments and remarkable global leaders, including seven Nobel Peace Prize Laureates; and

Whereas, GENI has developed a visualization of the GENI Initiative in cooperation with the San Diego State University's Visualization Center. This tool has been viewed by national energy ministers and utility executives at the World Energy Conference; and

Whereas, GENI co-founded the KLD/MSCI Global Climate index to support investment into climate solutions, the Global Climate Index is a specialty index designed to promote investment in public companies whose activities demonstrate the greatest potential for mitigating immediate and long-term causes of climate change. KLD, in partnership with the Global Energy Network Institute, created the Index in response to growing demand from institutions and individuals for investment strategies that address global warming; and

Whereas, This day marks the official opening of the World Resources Simulation Center, an immersive, visualization facility where business leaders and policy-makers can literally "see" past trends, simulate future options, and collaborate on sustainable choices for the future;

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on the behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim July 12, 2011 to be Global Energy Network Institute Day in the City of San Diego.

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Approved by Council on the 12th Day of July, 2011

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