



RESOLUTION

THE HONORABLE

*Padam Shri Nek Chand Saini*

WHEREAS, THE HONORABLE PADAM SHRI NEK CHAND SAINI IS A WORLD RENOWNED DISTINGUISHED, SELF-TAUGHT ARTIST OF VISION AND CREATIVE GENIUS WHO CREATED A MULTI-ACRE PUBLIC ARTWORK KNOWN AS THE ROCK GARDEN OF CHANDIGARH; AND

WHEREAS, FROM 1958 TO 1974 MR. CHAND GATHERED HUNDREDS OF TONS OF NATURAL MATERIALS AND DISCARDED OBJECTS FROM WHICH HE MOLDED ARTWORKS. USING HIS HANDS, SIMPLE TOOLS AND A VIVID IMAGINATION HE CREATED TWELVE ACRES OF PATHS AND INTERLINKING COURTYARDS POPULATED WITH HUNDREDS OF SCULPTURES; AND

WHEREAS, SINCE THE GARDEN WAS OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED AND GREATLY EXPANDED OVER TWELVE MILLION PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE PLANET HAVE FELT JOY AND AWE HAVING WALKED THROUGH NEK CHAND'S WORLD; AND

WHEREAS, MR. CHAND HAS EXHIBITED IN FRANCE, SPAIN, RUSSIA, GERMANY, ENGLAND AND IN THE UNITED STATES AND WAS GIVEN THE MEDAILLE DE VERMEIL AWARD IN PARIS; AND

WHEREAS, MR. CHAND HAS CREATED ANOTHER MONUMENTAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE HELP OF UNITED STATES TRADE UNIONS, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND NUMEROUS VOLUNTEERS; AND

WHEREAS, NOW ALL PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES CAN SHARE THE WONDER AND WHIMSY OF THIS WORLD-STATUS ARTIST; AND

WHEREAS, THE UNIVERSAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MR. CHAND'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAS ELEVATED THE UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF OTHER SELF-TAUGHT INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN MANY MEDIUMS:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT BY THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION TO PADAM SHRI NEK CHAND SAINI FOR HIS VISION AND DEDICATION TO THE ARTS UPON HIS VISIT TO LOS ANGELES.

RESOLUTION BY

*Jackie Goldberg*  
Councilmember 13th District

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held May 29, 1996.

*John Ferraro*  
President of the Council

SECONDED BY

*Ruth Galanter*  
Councilmember 6th District

ATTEST:

*Elias Martinez*  
City Clerk

