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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the 2013 National Football League (NFL) season, the 94th regular season of the NFL, is set to begin Thursday, September 5, 2013, with the defending Super Bowl XLVII champions Baltimore Ravens playing the Denver Broncos in the annual kickoff game; and

WHEREAS, The season will end with Super Bowl XLVIII, the league's championship game, on Sunday, February 2, 2014, at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles was once the professional football home for, among others, the Los Angeles Rams (1946-1979), the Los Angeles Chargers (1960), Los Angeles Raiders (1982-1994); and

WHEREAS, countless high school and college athletes from Los Angeles have contributed their great talents to the NFL and the NFL teams; and

WHEREAS, although football has a great history in the City of Los Angeles, it has not hosted a National Football League (NFL) game since the Raiders went back to Oakland prior to the 1995 season; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the City has developed an immense fan base for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Clippers, Los Angeles Galaxy, and the Los Angeles Kings – but has been deprived of a professional football team; and

WHEREAS, while the NFL brings economic benefits to the region, it is also important to analyze the formal linkages between a new sports franchise in the City and the social benefits for all residents of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of these Resolutions, the Council of the City of Los Angeles reaffirms and reiterates its support for the efforts of the National Football League to bring its franchise back to the City of Los Angeles. A football team in the City is in the interest of both the NFL and the City, and it is encouraged that the NFL commissioner, Roger Goodell, consider expanding two teams for the NFC (National Football Conference) and the AFC (American Football Conference).

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