

**RESOLUTION NO. 2702**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD  
DECLARING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 - 25, 1998 AS  
"LAWSUIT ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE  
CITY OF SOLEDAD**

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America has been the worldwide symbol of individual liberty and a beacon of hope and opportunity for more than two centuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the fundamental principles of equality and ordered liberty form the foundation of all the laws that govern us; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution embody these principles and preserve our natural rights, such as freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, trial by jury and to consent to our governors; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vital that the redress of legitimate grievances should not be delayed due to merit less and superficial litigation which serves only to clog our courts; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of all members of the legal profession and California's elected officials to protect California's consumers, businesses and families by seeking sensible reforms which will discourage the filing of frivolous lawsuits, reduce the exorbitant costs of litigation, restrain the prospects for arbitrary and unjust awards, encourage citizens to participate in the judicial process by serving on a jury when called and protect legitimate victims against unfair and outrageous contingency fees; and

**WHEREAS**, an important and enduring part of the movement to restore fairness and purpose to our civil justice system is the dedicated efforts of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (CALA); and

**WHEREAS**, with 30,000 supporters and six CALA groups statewide, CALA's mission is to educate the public about the human and financial costs of lawsuit abuse and thereby create a climate for change.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Soledad, does hereby declare the week of September 21 - 25, 1998 as "Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week" in California and encourage citizens of the State and the City of Soledad to support fundamental reforms to safeguard and improve our civil justice system.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 16th day of September, 1998, by the following vote:

**AYES**, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Ben Jimenez, Jr., Fred Ledesma, Richard Ortiz, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Gerbrandt, Mayor Fabian Barrera

**NOES**, Councilmembers: None

**ABSENT**, Councilmembers: None

F. M. Barrow  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD