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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-11-0044

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH RECOGNIZING VARIOUS
5 PROVISIONS OF THE LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE
6 THAT REGULATE THE ILLEGAL GARAGE CONVERSIONS
7 AS THE "AVILES LAW"

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9 WHEREAS, a tragic event occurred in the City of Long Beach on December
10 14, 2007, in which three young Aviles sisters, Jasmine, Jocelyn, and Stephanie, lost their
11 lives in a fire while sleeping in a garage that had illegally been converted into an
12 apartment; and

13 WHEREAS, in response to the tragedy, the City commenced an aggressive
14 Code inspection operation by the Fire Department and Code Enforcement investigators
15 in order to identify and eliminate the use of illegally converted garages as living spaces;
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17 WHEREAS, since the City began increased inspections and enforcement in
18 2007, the City has issued over 550 citations and levied heavy fines amounting to more
19 than \$199,644.00 to abate existing illegal garage conversions and deter new violations;
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21 WHEREAS, to educate the public and reinforce the dangers of illegal
22 garage conversions, and in memory of Jasmine, Jocelyn, and Stephanie Aviles, the City,
23 with the support of the Aviles family, intends to recognize those sections of the Long
24 Beach Municipal Code relating to the abatement of illegal garage conversions as the
25 "Aviles Law."

26 NOW THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves
27 as follows:

28 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby formally

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1 recognizes Long Beach Municipal Code Sections 9.65.060.D.4, 18.02.050.D, 18.08.010,
2 18.09.010, 18.20.110, 21.31.245.C, and 21.41.170 relating to the abatement of illegal
3 garage conversions as the "Aviles Law."

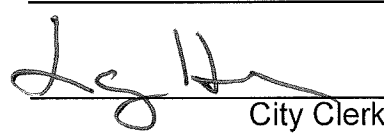
4 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
5 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

6 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
7 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of April 5, 2011 by
8 the following vote:

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10 Ayes: Councilmembers: Garcia, Lowenthal, DeLong,
11 O'Donnell, Schipske, Andrews,
12 Johnson, Gabelich.

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14 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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16 Absent: Councilmembers: Neal.

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21 City Clerk

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