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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 283049

ADOPTED ON \_\_\_\_\_NOV 2 9 1993

WHEREAS, while growing up in Magnolia, Arkansas, Fro Brigham, determined to make his trumpet sound sweet like Louis Armstrong's, played Armstrong's records on a hand-cranked Victrola; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brigham is a local musical landmark -- in the '40s and '50s, he played at the old Downtown Creole Palace, when it was well known as the "Harlem of the West;" and

WHEREAS, Fro has been married to Pearl Brigham for fifty years and they have three children: Trina Brigham Brown, Fro Brigham, Jr., and William James Brigham III; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brigham was in the Navy and came to San Diego with his wife in 1943 after the war; and

WHEREAS, Fro and Pearl have lived in the same house, painted green, in San Diego for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brigham is a fine role model, known for his weekly distribution to the needy of donated bakery goods, paying troubled but talented youths who play with his band and buying Christmas gifts for neighborhood children; and

WHEREAS, Fro's thirty-year job with the City's Park and Recreation Department was his "bread and butter," but his music was the brown sugar sprinkled on top; and

WHEREAS, five nights a week Brigham would play his trumpet in little bars for Dixieland fans and in Black clubs; and

WHEREAS, he retired from the City Park and Recreation

Department in 1979 and kept on playing Wednesdays and Thursdays

at Patrick's II Downtown, weekends at Pal Joeys, and Sunday

afternoons at the Oasis Club; and

WHEREAS, today Fro Brigham has a reputation as Granddaddy of San Diego Jazz; and

WHEREAS, for the past forty-five years, he has lead his Fro Brigham's Preservation Jazz Band through years of swing, big band, be-bop, rock 'n' roll, disco and has kept alive the old eras of New Orleans-style Dixieland and rhythm-and-blues music; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby proclaims November 12, 1993 to be "FRO BRIGHAM DAY" in San Diego, in honor of the Granddaddy of San Diego Jazz, who acts as a role model by always encouraging other musicians especially young people to follow their dreams.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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Stuart H. Swett Senior Chief Deputy

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Mayor Susan Golding					
AUTHENTICATED BY:		SUSAN GOLDING  Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.			
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