

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 283320

ADOPTED ON JAN 31 1994

WHEREAS, Odell Johnson was born in Cameron, Texas, the son of a share cropper; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the post-war era, his family decided to relocate in California because of the availability of jobs; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Blackberry was born in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and her family also felt they would have better jobs in California; and

WHEREAS, Juanita continued her education at Point Loma High School after they arrived in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Odell met Juanita in the early 1950s, and they were later married on November 18, 1951; and

WHEREAS, to their union were born three children: Patricia Johnson Mims, Odell Johnson, Jr., and Pamela Johnson Williams, and all three currently live in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Odell lost his job at Cudahy Packing Company -- he was laid off from work for a while and worked whatever job he could find until he was hired by The City of San Diego Sanitation Department where he worked for twenty-eight years, until he retired with a Commendation for his excellent service; and

WHEREAS, Juanita served her family well as a mother and role model, and after her children were educated and working, she continued her education by becoming a Certified Nurses Assistant,

and worked in this profession for many years and later retired;  
and

WHEREAS, the Johnson household was one where a strong faith in God was not only taught, but demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, Odell and Juanita committed their lives to Christ and became leaders in the Apostolic faith with Odell becoming a deacon and Juanita a missionary; and

WHEREAS, Odell and Juanita were called to serve the Lord in a higher capacity -- they opened Bethel Apostolic Church in 1986 at 3116 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, California; and

WHEREAS, they have served their community well as good citizens, parents and church leaders; and

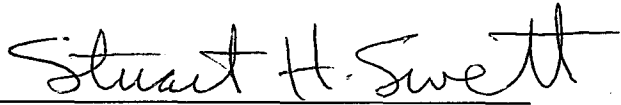
WHEREAS, the community of San Diego, friends and family have been enriched because of their faith and commitment to God and to each other for forty-three years; NOW, THEREFORE,

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 commends Odell and Juanita Johnson for their commitment and devotion, and pray that God will continue to strengthen and bless them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that January 22, 1994 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "ODELL AND JUANITA JOHNSON DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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