

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 283393

ADOPTED ON FEB 22 1994

WHEREAS, John W. Witt, a second generation native Californian, was born in Los Angeles, attended public schools there and in Seattle, and graduated from the University of Southern California where he received his B.A. and law degrees; and

WHEREAS, between college and law school, John served in the regular Marine Corps and later retained his affiliation by rising to the rank of full Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve from which he is now retired; and

WHEREAS, John's service to The City of San Diego began on January 12, 1961 when he was appointed a Deputy City Attorney in the Criminal Division of the City Attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, between 1961 and 1969, John served as a Deputy City Attorney and Chief Deputy City Attorney in the Criminal and Civil Divisions; and

WHEREAS, John was appointed City Attorney by the City Council on February 20, 1969 upon the resignation of then City Attorney Edward T. Butler, and was elected City Attorney in September 1969 and reelected in 1973, 1977, 1984, 1988 and 1992; and

WHEREAS, John and his wife Lenora were married in 1961, reside in Point Loma, and have three children, David, Stephanie and Bill; and

WHEREAS, John is a past president of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers -- which is the nationwide association of all the country's city attorneys -- and which presented him its Award for Outstanding National Public Service in 1986; and

WHEREAS, John has been president of California's city attorneys and served on the Board of Directors of the League of California Cities; and

WHEREAS, John is a past Chair of the American Bar Association's Section on Urban Law and a member of the ABA House of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, John is a frequent lecturer on municipal law subjects for Georgetown University, the National College of District Attorneys and the American Bar Association and has authored many published articles for various Law Reviews; and

WHEREAS, John is a contributing editor of Land Use & Environment Forum, a quarterly publication of the State Bar and the University of California; and

WHEREAS, John served a record three terms as President of the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Diego and as President of the Point Loma Optimist Club and the Downtown Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs presented him with their annual Golden Achievement Award in 1989, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America designated him a Distinguished Eagle Scout in 1975 and the San Diego County Bar Association presented him with their Outstanding Public Service Award in 1986; and

WHEREAS, John has also been very involved in the activities of the Episcopal Church by serving as a Lay Reader of the

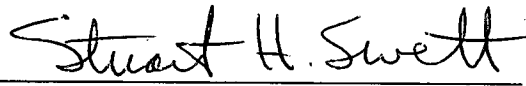
Episcopal Dioceses of Los Angeles and San Diego, a member of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, a member of the Vestry and Senior Warden of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Ocean Beach, and a Deputy to four National Conventions of the Episcopal Church in the United States; NOW, 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 recognizes John W. Witt on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary as City Attorney, and thanks him for his many years of exemplary professional and community service to the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 20, 1994 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "CITY ATTORNEY JOHN W. WITT DAY" in San Diego.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By



Stuart H. Swett  
Senior Chief Deputy

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