

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 285434

ADOPTED ON MAR 06 1995

WHEREAS, a small group of christians, being led by God, saw a need for a baptist church in the heavily populated Frontier area of San Diego, and on February 15, 1945, in the home of Brother and Sister Hooper, at 3322 Kurtz Street, a movement began that has stood the test of time; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Reverend T.C. Columbus, who at the time was Pastor of the Greater Trinity Baptist Church and President of the California Baptist State Convention, Reverend W.L. Henderson was appointed Pastor, Brother Monroe Keeling- Presiding Secretary and Brother Isaiah Williams - Deacon Chairman, and on April 14, 1946 at 7:30 p.m. the doors of the Jordan Street Housing Project Community Center Building was opened for services; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Reverend Henderson, the church was organized for spiritual growth and self-effective outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Deacon and Deaconess Board, Sunday School, B.T.U., Prayer Band, Usher Board, and the Senior and Juniors Choirs began, and on February 6, 1948 a new church site was opened at 3430 Kurtz Street; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Moses H. Haywood was called to Pastor in 1955, a board of management and gospel choir were organized and with continued growth and shift in population, the Church moved

to the 47th Street location after much hard work, devotion, dedication, and determination, and two years later, God called Reverend Haywood home to rest from his labor; and

WHEREAS, Reverend A.L. Patrick was called to continue to move the church forward, and he carried out the plan of Reverend Haywood to divide the Missions into Circles; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 1968, Reverend Darden and family came to Mt. Erie, the Mission Choir and Darden's Children Choir were added and the church continued to progress spiritually and financially; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1973, Reverend Walter G. Wells was called to Pastor the church and under his dynamic leadership, and by the Grace of God, Mt. Erie has seen incredible growth; and

WHEREAS, as a result, a new edifice was erected in April of 1976, Elementary Academy in 1983, Infant and Toddler Center in 1985, Trolley Daycare in 1990 and Academy Preschool Center in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the congregation has been richly blessed with the directed leadership of Reverend Walter G. Wells and God has revealed BIG PLANS for a new edifice, fellowship hall, and educational and recreational facilities as the members continue to seek the Lord's Prize in 1995; 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 Reverend and Sister Walter G. Wells and the congregation of Mt. Erie Baptist Church for their commitment and

dedication, and pray that God will continue to strengthen and  
bless them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sunday, February 26, 1995 be  
and is hereby proclaimed to be "MT. ERIE BAPTIST CHURCH 50TH  
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY DAY" in The City of San Diego.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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