

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 285818

ADOPTED ON MAY 22 1995

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego (MCC-San Diego) has been at the forefront of religious and social issues in San Diego since its founding in 1970 on the principles of Christian faith, service, and social action; and

WHEREAS, MCC-San Diego was the First Charter Church of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and has achieved a membership exceeding 300 and a direct outreach of more than 1,600; and

WHEREAS, MCC-San Diego is the oldest permanent organization in the lesbian and gay community in San Diego County, was instrumental in the founding of the Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center, helped to form the San Diego AIDS Chaplaincy Program and implemented the nationally replicated AIDS Vigil of Prayer concept; and

WHEREAS, MCC-San Diego has met the spiritual needs of its flock, ministered to the entire community as it struggled with the devastating losses from AIDS and provided leadership in the field of civil rights; and

WHEREAS, since 1975 MCC-San Diego has been under the gifted direction of Reverend David Farrell, who has undertaken many civic duties in addition to his spiritual responsibilities, including vigorous support and stewardship in the passage of the Human Dignity Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, MCC-San Diego is blessed with a visionary Board of Directors, brilliant clergy, dedicated staff, lyrical music department and a committed congregation which have been vitally involved in the issues and events of the lesbian and gay community, and a major influence in the civic fabric of San Diego; 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, does hereby commend Metropolitan Community Church for their dedication to the citizens of San Diego for the past twenty-five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council hereby commends the Reverends David Farrell and Donna Eubanks, staff and congregation for their efforts to make the 25th Anniversary Celebration a historical and memorable event.

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