

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 287245

ADOPTED ON MAY 6 1996

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Israel is celebrating its 135th birthday on May 11, 1996 and, for over 135 years, has served youth, families, and seniors in San Diego's communities; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Israel is San Diego's oldest and largest Jewish congregation which was formed in 1861 by early pioneering Jewish settlers, and later in 1887 formally incorporated as Congregation Beth Israel (House of Israel); and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Israel participates in community work, most notably their involvement with the renowned Hunger Project, which involves members of the congregation who prepare and serve over 1,000 meals to homeless and needy individuals every Sunday morning at the St. Vincent De Paul Joan Kroc Center; and

WHEREAS, as Congregation Beth Israel approaches a new century, their challenge is to strengthen the quality and breadth of their service activities and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Israel is also involved with the education and emphasis on culture and heritage for their young people through the Beth Israel Religious School, Sid Rubin Preschool, and the Beth Israel Day School; 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 Congregation Beth Israel San Diego for its

dedication to the young citizens and families of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council commends
Congregation Beth Israel for 135 years of service locally and
hereby proclaims May 11, 1996 to be "**CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
DAY**" in The City of San Diego.

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