

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 288104

ADOPTED ON NOV 26 1996

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, 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, with 28 years of service as City Attorney, John has held the office longer than any city attorney in the history of The City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, John has served as City Attorney with 5 Mayors, 2 Acting Mayors, 47 Council members, and 8 City Managers; 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

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 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 Club 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 participated in many other professional and community activities too numerous to mention; 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 retirement as City Attorney, and thanks him for his many years of exemplary professional and community service to the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that November 26, 1996 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

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Head Deputy City Deputy

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