

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 288771

ADOPTED ON JUN 09 1997

WHEREAS, Mr. Claybourne "Clay" Johnson began playing tennis in 1947 and played throughout his years at Jefferson High School and at Los Angeles City College where he won the Western State Conference Championship; and

WHEREAS, he served as Chief Boatswain in the United States Navy from 1952 to 1971; and

WHEREAS, he played tennis on the NTC Navy Tennis Team winning the division championship, winning the Vallejo City and Mare Island Navy Shipyard Championships in 1953, and won the Naval Station Championship from 1962-1964; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson became the club pro for Mountain View Tennis Club, and soon after started a tennis clinic for juniors; and

WHEREAS, he is credited with teaching Chris Henderson, now one of the top players in San Diego; Otis Almon, who became number one in Riverside; and Todd Nelson, who was 100 on the pro circuit; and

WHEREAS, for the last nine years he has proudly coached the Morse High School Tennis Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson has taught in the San Diego community for nearly 20 years, most of it for free, teaching handicapped adults for the San Diego Park and Recreation Department at Mountain View Park, clinics at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, Encanto Recreation Center and Emerald Hills Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was selected to be a part of the Pacific Coast Championship Hall of Fame for his leadership and integrity to the African American Tennis Community in 1992 and honored as the male player of the year in 1992 by the United States Tennis Association; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that Mr. Claybourne "Clay" Johnson be commended for his strong leadership and many years of community contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 21, 1997, is hereby proclaimed to be **"MR. CLAYBOURNE 'CLAY' JOHNSON DAY"** in The City of San Diego.

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