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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289259

ADOPTED ON **OCT 0 7 1997**

WHEREAS, on October 17, 18 and 19, 1997, the City of San Diego and people across

America will celebrate the 6th annual *interfaith* National Observance of Children's Sabbath; and

WHEREAS, the National Observance of Children's Sabbath is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund in cooperation with more than 175 denominations and religious organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Defense Fund is a private, non-profit organization supported by foundations, corporate grants and individual donations; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid only helps the poorest of children and currently more than 10 million children are uninsured because their parents cannot afford expensive health care insurance; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of the 10 million uninsured children have parents who work, however, each day that passes, the number of children without private health insurance grows by nearly 3,300; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Defense Fund exists to provide a strong, effective voice for all the children in America who cannot vote, lobby or speak for themselves; 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 recognize Torrey Pines Christian Church and its members for their commitment to children by participating in a 40 day prayer vigil with

families volunteering to light a candle every day in recognition of all children throughout our city, state, nation and the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council does hereby join Torrey Pines Christian Church in the celebration of children by proclaiming October 17, 18, and 19, 1997 to be the interfaith "NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF CHILDREN'S SABBATH" in The City of San Diego.

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