

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289264

ADOPTED ON OCT 07 1997

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is an international non-profit community service organization comprised of African-American women dedicated to improving the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Chapter was chartered in 1957 with fourteen charter members; and

WHEREAS, 1987 marked the inception of The Links, Inc signature umbrella project, *The Achiever Program* ; and

WHEREAS, since then, over 290 talented male high school seniors have participated in the six month program of enrichment activities designed to facilitate college preparedness and to develop leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, successful African American men from the professional and business community volunteer their time and talent to work with The Achievers; and

WHEREAS, The Achievers have been presented to the community annually at the *Affair of Honor* scholarship luncheon, and over \$350,000 in scholarships have been awarded to these deserving young men; and

WHEREAS, while *The Achiever Program* remains The Links, Inc. most visible project, in 1990, the San Diego Chapter was selected as a pilot city for the

implementation of *Project LEAD: High Expectations*, a program designed to prevent drug and alcohol abuse, teenage pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases among high-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, over the decades, some of the service projects have included financial and volunteer support of the San Diego Urban League, Eddie Edwards Art Studio, Southeastern Community Theater, The Elementary Institute of Science - contributing to both the program and the building fund, and are star supporters of the Catherine Montgomery Technology Fund at the newly constructed Malcolm X Library and Performing Arts Center, donating over one thousand dollars to provide technological support to the new facility; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Inc. participated in the Blankets of Hope Project, donating over one hundred blankets to the homeless in San Diego, and additionally donating to the Willie Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Center for Parent Involvement in Education; 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 The Links, Inc. for forty (40) years of contributions, made both collectively and individually to improve the quality of life in their respective communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 11, 1997 be and is hereby
proclaimed to be **"The Links Incorporated Appreciation Day"** in The City of San
Diego.

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