

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289559

ADOPTED ON DEC 16 1997

WHEREAS, in September 1981, The Voices of Fulfillment Community Choir was organized by Edward Baltrip. He set out to establish what has now become a musical legacy and gospel tradition. The original choir membership numbered thirteen youth and young adults, all wanting to sing as a ray of hope reflecting the enrichment and "fulfillment" of their lives; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade the choir has performed for numerous audiences nationwide, including such as: Eartha Kitt; Daryl Coley; the late Reverend James Cleveland (founder of National Gospel Music Workshop of America); Shirley Caesar; and, the San Diego Symphony, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 the choir placed in the "1987 McDonald's Gospel Fest," and early in 1991, The Voices of Fulfillment Choir were featured in an encore performance of the nationally acclaimed musical "Momma Don't," written by Michael Matthews; and

WHEREAS, one of the most memorable events for the choir was their "Four-Five Park" Evangelism Ministry. "Four-Five Park," now known as Willie Henderson Sports Complex, was known in San Diego for heavy drug and gang activity. The Voices, along with Soul A' Fire from Oral Robert's University, went to the park and surrounding community to share salvation and inform people of concern about their lives; and

WHEREAS, other areas of community involvement include participation in the San Diego AIDS Walk and Heart Strings, a production with the San Diego Symphony to help eliminate some of the perils of the homeless in our city; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the ministry is to provide a variety of creative and effective activities presenting young Christians with information and tools needed for growth. The goals of Minister Eddie Baltrip and The Voice of Fulfillment are to tour the United States and foreign countries, to become financially stable to support a ministry that can prove to be a blessing to all others; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of The City of San Diego, hereby commends Minister Eddie Baltrip and The Voices of Fulfillment for sixteen years of dedication, devotion, and unselfish efforts in spreading the word of God to all people, and hereby proclaims December 6, 1997, to be "THE VOICES OF FULFILLMENT COMMUNITY CHOIR DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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