

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 290903

ADOPTED ON NOV 10 1998

WHEREAS, the AIDS Chaplaincy Program was founded over ten years ago by Christian clergy concerned with people affected by HIV/AIDS, and in these past years clergy and lay people from over twenty religious traditions have joined the AIDS Chaplaincy Program enriching it with their faith perspectives and ministries; and

WHEREAS, the AIDS Chaplaincy Program ministers to people living with HIV/AIDS who may be afraid to approach a representative of their religion with spiritual questions because of the stigma some religions may attach to this disease; and

WHEREAS, the AIDS Chaplaincy Program offers support and care to clients where they can call to speak with compassionate, non-judgmental, and non-proselytizing lay and clergy volunteers from several faiths who are sensitive to the special needs and concerns of people living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the AIDS Chaplaincy Program is to train lay and ordained people to minister effectively to members of their own communities affected by HIV/AIDS, to provide accurate, current information about this health crisis to the religious communities of San Diego and to minister compassionately and non-judgmentally to people with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the AIDS Chaplaincy program is currently sponsored by the Ecumenical Council of San Diego County and housed at University Christian Church; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby commend volunteers and clergy of the AIDS Chaplaincy Program for its ministry and outreach to the San Diego community affected by HIV/AIDS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that November 9, 1998 is hereby proclaimed to be "AIDS Chaplaincy Day" in the City of San Diego.

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