

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291239

ADOPTED ON FEB 01 1999

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church in San Diego was but one of five convocations within the Diocese of Los Angeles, resulting in the need to travel 125 miles to take part in diocesan business; and

WHEREAS, work began in the mid-1960s under Bishop Francis Eric Bloy of Los Angeles along with Dean Charles L. Condor of the San Diego Convocation to prepare for the formation of a new diocese; and

WHEREAS, a constitution and bylaws were written and the territory of the new diocese was defined to include San Diego and Imperial Counties and southern Riverside County including the Coachella Valley; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1974, Robert Wolterstorff was consecrated the first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, comprising 37 congregations and nearly 20,000 communicants; and

WHEREAS, under Bishop Wolterstorff's pastorship, five new parishes were founded, including the Church of the Good Samaritan in University City; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Bishop Charles Morton became the second Bishop of San Diego, and during his episcopate, seven new congregations were founded, outreach ministries were founded and Episcopal Community Services expanded its role; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Gethin B. Hughes was consecrated as the third Bishop of San Diego in June, 1992, and his episcopate has emphasized mission and ministry, despite the economic challenges which confronted the region and which were reflected in the Diocese; and

WHEREAS, among the new ministries launched by Bishop Hughes is the Percept Project which is helping congregations reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, under the theme of the 1997 Convention, "The Church in the City," the Diocese continues to recognize and emphasize the importance of ministry in The City of San Diego and the other cities which make up the Diocese; and

WHEREAS, Episcopal Community Services has become a partner with The City of San Diego in reaching and helping homeless adults and teens in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, since its founding 25 years ago, the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego has grown from 37 to 52 congregations of more than 26,000 communicants, with more than 80 active ministries; 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, hereby proclaims Friday, February 5, 1999, to be "**Episcopal Diocese of San Diego 25th Anniversary Day**" in San Diego, in recognition of the continuing dedication of the Diocese to its ministry and good work in the city.

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