

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291344

ADOPTED ON MAR 22 1999

WHEREAS, in 1915, residents from Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas migrated to San Diego, met and realized there was not a Colored Methodist Church (C.M.E.) in the City; and

WHEREAS, they met at tents, homes, and even a storefront where they would sing, pray, and testify to God's grace with the hope of organizing a C.M.E. church, until Rev. William Seldon was sent to organize a church; and

WHEREAS, in 1919, the Phillips Temple Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America was founded and named after its then current Bishop Charles H. Phillips; and

WHEREAS, the Phillips Temple Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was located in an old armory on the Pueblo Lots until 1940, when under the leadership of Rev. J.D. Jenkins, they tore down the old armory and built the present structure; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Rev. Marshall A. Sharpe, Jr. was sent to Phillips Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and under his leadership, they purchased property on Geneva Avenue and a new edifice has become a reality; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church's legacy of Faith and Love will be celebrated on their 80th Anniversary; 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 commends Phillips Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for 80 years of dedication and devotion not only to the community, but to the entire City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 26, 1999, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**Phillips Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Day**" in The City of San Diego.

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