## RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291427

## ADOPTED ON \_\_MAR 2 9 1999

WHEREAS, Reverend Henry Rodriguez, Jr., is pastor of Saint Jude Shrine of the West in the Shelltown neighborhood of San Diego and is the 1999 Caesar E. Chavez Humanitarian Award recipient presented by Rachael Ortiz at the Barrio Station Annual Benefit Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Henry Rodriguez, Jr., is recognized by the Barrio Station on behalf of the Barrio Logan community for his quiet, dignified, peaceful leadership, for his ongoing and extraordinary contributions in areas of social justice and for his countless humanitarian deeds in support of the needy; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Henry Rodriguez, Jr., is, among other things, a Chaplain for the Chula Vista Police Department, is a member of the AIDS Chaplaincy which ministers to HIV and AIDS affected people of all faiths, is the Co-Chair of the of the United States Department of Justice Weed and Seed Program, is a Board Member of the San Diego Conference, and serves as a member of the San Diego Organizing Project; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Henry Rodriguez, Jr., is honored and praised not only by people of power, prestige and wealth, but, perhaps more importantly, by those who feel powerless, voiceless and unable to change their own circumstance who, one and all, have found shelter in Father Henry's love for them and who have received priceless the gift of hope from their friendship with him; 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 Reverend Henry Rodriguez, Jr. for his

never ending spirit of community involvement, and hereby proclaims Thursday, March 25, 1999, to be "Father Henry Day" in The City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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Deputy City Attorney

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