

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 292617

ADOPTED ON JAN 10 2000

WHEREAS, the son of a sharecropper, Julius Bennett was born in Oklahoma, and moved with his family to San Diego in 1957, where he graduated from San Diego High School in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Julius continued his unswerving quest for higher education during employment at General Dynamics/Convair, and following his honorable service from 1962 to 1965 in the United States Air Force, was awarded degrees by San Diego City College in 1969, and San Diego State University in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Julius began his City career in the Park and Recreation Department in January 1975, transferring later to an innovative program of the City's General Services Department which addressed training and diversity issues, then later joined the Citizens Assistance Department in 1978, where he held increasingly responsible positions, until he was appointed Senior Public Information Officer and Supervisor of the City Information Center; and

WHEREAS, Julius's encyclopedic knowledge, commitment to outstanding customer service, and unfailing courtesy has helped to make "ask Julius" advice relied on by many thousands of people both within and far beyond San Diego's City Hall, prompting numerous commendations, including recognition by the San Diego Municipal Employees Association, the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Julius's early involvement with diversity issues in one department resulted

in assumption of key roles in the planning and implementation of the City's Diversity Program, and his active demonstration of the City's Norms and Values was recognized with the inaugural "Diversity Distinction Award" in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Julius's deep commitment to serve the people of San Diego has been further demonstrated through his work as the distinguished Pastor of the congregation of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church since July 1991, a calling which Julius first began in 1981 as an Associate Minister; 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 January 10, 2000, to be "**JULIUS R. BENNETT DAY**" in San Diego with deep and sincere appreciation for a career dedicated to helping others, while extending our heartfelt best wishes upon his well deserved retirement from City service.

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