

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-293177

ADOPTED ON MAY 30 2000

WHEREAS, Mercy Clinic of Scripps Mercy Hospital was originally established in 1944 as Guadalupe Clinic through a partnership between the Sisters of Our Lady of Victory, Mercy physicians Roy Tanaka, M.D., and Thomas O'Connell, M.D., and Father Francis Kern of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church; and

WHEREAS, the one-room clinic provided primary, preventive and specialty care for families in Barrio Logan who had no other source for health care; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Clinic helps fulfill the mission of the Sisters of Mercy to provide health and healing services to everyone, regardless of their ability pay; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, highway construction and the huge demands placed on the small facility forced Guadalupe Clinic to move out of Barrio Logan to Hillcrest, adjacent to Mercy Hospital, where it became known as Mercy Guadalupe Clinic and received 5,000 patient visits annually; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Guadalupe Clinic also partnered with Mercy Hospital's Graduate Medical Education (GME) program to provide superior care to the San Diego community while training the next generation of physicians; and

WHEREAS, today Mercy Clinic receives more than 30,000 visits and provides care to many families who are either indigent or working poor and cannot afford health insurance; and

WHEREAS, high patient demand and aging facilities have forced Mercy Clinic to relocate once more; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2000, Mercy Clinic will relocate to its new location at 4020 Fifth Avenue, improved access for patients, dedicated waiting rooms to separate sick and well children, an in-house laboratory to speed diagnostic tests and a dental exam room are a few of the benefits the new clinic will bring to the community; and

WHEREAS, the people and institutions of San Diego have donated more than \$3 million to relocate and upgrade Mercy Clinic of Scripps Mercy Hospital; and

WHEREAS, this project could not have been undertaken without their support; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions of Mercy Clinic of Scripps Mercy Hospital to provide quality health care to San Diegans, regardless of their ability to pay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 2, 2000, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"MERCY CLINIC OF SCRIPPS MERCY HOSPITAL DAY"** in The City of San Diego.

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