

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293739

ADOPTED ON SEP 12 2000

WHEREAS, John Johnson is one of San Diego's most respected and valued community leaders; and

WHEREAS, John's many accomplishments are varied and range from making local history as the first ever African American to hold the title of Deputy City Manager for the City of San Diego, to leading the transformation of the San Diego Urban League to its current position as one the City's foremost social service agencies serving the needs of San Diegans; and

WHEREAS, John's career with the Urban League began in 1964, when he was appointed as the second executive director in San Diego, and from 1964 to 1972 John earned his stripes as one of the organization's youngest leaders; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of John Johnson, the San Diego Urban League has developed unparalleled opportunities for private industries to partner with the organization to help advance the mission of equal opportunity and increase self-sufficiency through education, employment and housing; and


WHEREAS, as a Curriculum Committee Chair of the Citizens Committee on Equal Education and a founding member of the United Front for Education, John has worked tirelessly to secure the right to quality education for our children; and

WHEREAS, John is an active member of numerous community organizations including the Fair Housing Council Advisory Board, and the San Diego County Water Authority; and

WHEREAS, among his many accolades, John is the proud recipient of the San Diego NAACP Civil Rights Pioneer Award, the Distinguished Leadership Recognition Award and most recently the National Award from the Black Congressional Caucus; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the day of September 12, 2000, is hereby proclaimed to be "**JOHN JOHNSON DAY**" and the City Council commends him for his years of dedicated service to our community and congratulates him on his retirement.

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