

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293767

ADOPTED ON SEP 12 2000

WHEREAS, Dr. Marie Myers Thornton is the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Myers' nine boys and two girls; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thornton is the wife of the late John Thornton and the mother of two children, Dr. John Daryl Thornton and deceased daughter Debra Denise Thornton; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thornton is a native Floridian and was educated in the public schools of Tampa; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Middleton Senior High School and completed one year at Bethune-Cookman College before transferring to Florida A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, she and her family moved to San Diego where she began working for the San Diego Unified School District and continued her education; and

WHEREAS, she earned a Master of Arts Degree in Education from San Diego State University, did Post Graduate work at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and received a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Educational Leadership and Human Behavior from United States International University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thornton is active in St. Paul United Methodist Church and many community, civic, professional and service organizations; and

WHEREAS, her work as an educator took her to practically every community of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, she taught Parent Participation, a program for pre-school children, at Stockton Elementary School, English and Home Economics at Marston Junior High School in Clairemont, was a district counselor at Wegeforth, Fulton, and Freese Elementary Schools, and Montgomery and Roosevelt Junior High Schools; and


WHEREAS, she was a teacher on special assignment at Montgomery Junior High School and an Administrative Intern at Collier Junior High School in Point Loma, and was vice principal at Marston Junior High and Abraham Lincoln Senior High; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thornton's strong belief that all children can learn and be successful in a challenging academic curriculum propelled her to work hard to ensure a better future and tomorrow for the children of our community; 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, commends Dr. Marie Myers Thornton for her unselfish ministry, dedication, and devotion to the entire City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that August 27, 2000 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "Dr. Marie Myers Thornton Day" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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