

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293768

ADOPTED ON SEP 12 2000

WHEREAS, Rev. C. Dennis Williams made the decision to enter the ministry while still in high school and entered the ministry in 1976 in Santa Ana, California; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Williams was licensed to preach in 1977 by the Quarterly Conference of the A.M.E. Church and, in 1981, he was ordained as an Itinerant Deacon in Killeen, Texas and as an Itinerant Elder in 1985; and

WHEREAS, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in History/Religion from Paul Quinn College, a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Bethany Theological Seminary in Dothan, Alabama and has done post-graduate work towards a Doctor of Ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Williams served as the Senior Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Yakima, Washington from 1985-1987, at Walker Chapel A.M.E. Church in Seattle, Washington from 1987-1990, at St. John A.M.E. Church in St. Louis, Missouri from 1990-1996, and now serves as Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church in San Diego, California; and

WHEREAS, while Pastor at Bethel A.M.E. Church, the church has grown to over 1,500 members and has recently purchased an apartment complex that will be refurbished for senior citizen housing; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Williams is an ardent spiritual leader who earnestly advocates youth programs and Bethel A.M.E. continues to stand at the forefront of education with The Sarah Allen Learning Academy, a grades K-6 school dedicated to educational excellence; and

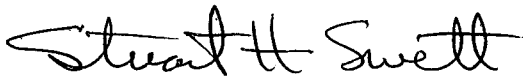
WHEREAS, he believes in the furtherance of Christian education and is committed to

promoting and patronizing the businesses in the congregation and local 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, hereby commends Reverend C. Dennis Williams for his service and dedication to the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that August 19, 2000 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**Reverend C. Dennis Williams Day**" in the City of San Diego in honor of his 25 years of service to the ministry.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

By   
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