

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293822

ADOPTED ON SEP 18 2000

WHEREAS, William Jones is a native San Diegan who grew up in San Diego's urban community and remains deeply committed to responsible community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, William Jones served as a San Diego City Councilmember from December 1982 to September 1987, received a masters degree in business administration from Harvard Business School in 1989, and worked as an investment manager, assistant to the chairman, and general manager of a \$400 million commercial real estate portfolio with Prudential Reality Group; and

WHEREAS, his government experience combined with his real estate and investment background has provided him with insight in creating public and private partnerships; and

WHEREAS, today William Jones is the president and CEO of CityLink Investment Corporation, a for-profit entity based in San Diego which acquires, develops and manages real estate ventures in selected urban areas; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the City of San Diego, CityLink Investment Corporation developed the award-winning City Heights Urban Village Project, a redevelopment project which has helped revitalize the community of City Heights by adding a branch library, police substation, community gymnasium, performing arts theater, civic pool, tennis and recreation center, Head Start classrooms, three tot lots, a Community Service Center, meeting space, soccer and softball fields, Rosa Parks Elementary School, the Mid-City Adult Continuing Education Center and a retail shopping center; and

WHEREAS, William Jones has been a dedicated community volunteer, serving as director of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, a trustee of the University of San Diego, and founder and trustee of the "Project I Believe" Scholarship Program, which mentored and financially supported the academic pursuits of the 1987 graduating class of Kennedy Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, William Jones was appointed in 1999 by the Federal Board of Governors to be a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco-Los Angeles Branch, and is a director of Sempra Energy, a Fortune 500 energy-holding company; and

WHEREAS, he previously served as a director of the Price Real Estate Investment Trust, which owned and operated retail power and community centers nationwide; and

WHEREAS, William Jones has been honored with the 1999 Bridge Builders Award by the Partners for Livable Communities for the City Heights Urban Village, the Black Contractors Association Developer of the 20th Century Award, the American Institute of Architects/San Diego Chapter 1998 Socially Responsive Building Award, and by the Father's Day Council as one of the 1996 Fathers of the Year; and

WHEREAS, additionally, he received the 1991 Pacesetters National Award from the Prudential Insurance Company of America, in 1984 he was awarded the Statewide Distinguished Leadership Award for Elected Officials by the California Chapter of the American Planning Association, named one of Five Outstanding Young Citizens of California by the California Junior Chamber of Commerce, and named the Outstanding Young Citizen of San Diego by the San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce, and in 1983 was honored by *Ebony* magazine as One of 50 Young Black Leaders; 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, does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions of WILLIAM JONES to improve the quality of life for the citizens of San Diego through his government, community and volunteer service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 18, 2000, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**WILLIAM JONES DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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