

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294318

ADOPTED ON DEC 05 2000

WHEREAS, Eddie Louis Edwards was born in Pineville, Louisiana, moved to California in 1950, and in the late 1960s taught himself to draw; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Eddie opened the Edwards S.E. Community Arts and Cultural Center, the first black oriented art gallery in San Diego designed to give youth and adults a place to develop their creativity and cultural awareness; and

WHEREAS, he has worked as an artist in residence for the San Diego Unified School District teaching children about art and as an art consultant for the Young at Arts Program, which is funded by the Maxwell H. Gluck Foundation, which introduces elementary school students to professional artists; and

WHEREAS, Eddie is an internationally recognized artist, whose paintings and murals adorn local elementary schools, Imperial Avenue in Encanto, and the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the largest black churches in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, his work was exhibited in San Diego's City Hall and in Washington, D.C., at the legislative conference of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Eddie works in all mediums he is especially noted for his excellence in earth tone oils and pastels and black and white renderings created with a soft lead pencil; NOW,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people San Diego, hereby commends Eddie Louis Edwards for his contributions to the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that December 8, 2000 be and is hereby proclaimed to be **“EDDIE LOUIS EDWARDS DAY”** in the City of San Diego.

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