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WHEREAS, Youth of Unity [Y.O.U.] at Christ Church Unity in City Heights is an organization of teens with big hearts and a vision for their community; and

WHEREAS, the Y.O.U. members are active in all aspects of service to the church and to the community by raising money for neighborhood activities, raising the spirit of those around them, providing support for their peers, encouraging teens to stay in school, finding homes for youth who have nowhere to go, and learning the importance of working with support agencies such as the Polinsky Center and Social Services; and

WHEREAS, these energetic young adults organized for sixty youth from the southwest region of Unity Churches to come to City Heights and participate in a massive neighborhood service and clean-up project; planning transportation, meals, entertainment and sleeping arrangements; and

WHEREAS, the youth made a positive impact on the community of City Heights by cleaning litter from the streets and sidewalks, painting out graffiti, weeding overgrown areas of the neighborhood, assisting children with art projects at the Children's Art Museum, packaging food for the Food Bank, and visiting the elderly in a convalescent home; and

WHEREAS, the young members of the Church show exceptional leadership skills and have demonstrated how to utilize resources available to improve the quality of life for residents in their community; and

WHEREAS, the Y.O.U. members see problems in their community and are forthright in their approach to finding solutions instead of standing idly by; they are role models to their peers by setting high standards of behavior that is productive to the community of City Heights; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of San Diego and City Heights have benefitted from the substantial contributions of Youth of Unity; 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 commend and thank the members of Christ Church Unity's Youth of Unity organization and hereby proclaims May 21, 2001 to be "Youth of Unity Day" in The City of San Diego.

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