

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294953

ADOPTED ON JUN 5 2001

WHEREAS, during the early 20th century, many Greeks started to settle in San Diego and a community was formed, growing from a handful of Greek men in the early 1900s to more than 300 men, women and children in the late 1920s; and

WHEREAS, these individuals began to organize as a community, and on February 27, 1927, a Constitution was approved and the community became officially known as the Greek Orthodox Community of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, to serve the growing Greek community, the first Greek Orthodox church was built in 1929 at the corner 25th and F streets; and

WHEREAS, as the Greek community continued to grow and prosper in the late 1940s, the need for a larger church arose, and St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church was built on its current location on Park Boulevard in Hillcrest in 1951, and was officially dedicated on September 12, 1954; and

WHEREAS, since that time St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church has come to be regarded as the heart and soul of the Greek Orthodox community in San Diego, a community which has grown to over 1,000 families and continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, in an effort for the Greek Orthodox community to share their Greek culture and heritage with the greater San Diego region, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church has presented an annual Greek Festival; and

WHEREAS, on June 9 and 10, 2001, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church will host its 32st Annual Greek Festival at the church grounds at 3655 Park Boulevard, featuring authentic

Greek food, native Greek music and folk dancers, Greek imports, games for children, and tours of the church; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church to serve the Greek Orthodox community in San Diego and preserve the rich culture and heritage of this community by presenting the Greek Festival for the past 32 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 9, 2001, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND GREEK FESTIVAL DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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