

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295682

ADOPTED ON NOV 05 2001

WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Doherty was born on November 10, 1930 in New York City to Michael and Catherine Doherty and, in 1935, her family moved to Ireland; and

WHEREAS, in Ireland, she attended the National School and Our Lady's Secondary School, where she first met the Sisters of Mercy, a Religious Organization of women devoted to caring for the poor, sick, and uneducated; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1948, she entered the convent in Ballina, Ireland and was given the name Ursula; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, Sister Ursula Doherty professed her vows as a Sister of Mercy and began her teaching career; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, she arrived in San Diego, California to serve as Principal of St. Vincent de Paul School, a parish school in the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego providing a Catholic education for students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Sister Ursula returned to Ireland and served a six-year term as Superior General of the Sisters in the Diocese; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, she came back to San Diego and worked as a classroom teacher at St. Vincent de Paul until 1986, when once again she became Principal of St. Vincent de Paul School; and

WHEREAS, under Sister Ursula's leadership, the St. Vincent de Paul School has been brought to high degrees of academic excellence as students are nurtured in God's gift of faith, develop Christian values, and learn the skills necessary for life in a changing world; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2001, Sister Ursula Doherty is celebrating 50 years of service as a Sister of Mercy; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the City of San Diego, hereby commends Sister Ursula Doherty for her dedicated

service and contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul parish, school, and the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 14, 2001 be and is hereby proclaimed to be
"SISTER URSULA DOHERTY, RSM DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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