

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- ~~296346~~

ADOPTED ON APR 15 2002

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Frances Berry, distinguished author, editor, historian, and attorney, has served for two decades on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and

WHEREAS, she was designated as Chairperson of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in 1993 by President Clinton, and reappointed in January 1999; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Frances Berry was selected as one of "America's Women of the Century" by the Women's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, she has worked tirelessly to voice the frustrations and hopes of the nation on such issues as education, affirmative action, parenthood, women's rights, law enforcement and race relations; and

WHEREAS, she is one of the founders of the Free South Africa Movement, which instigated protests at the South African Embassy in the struggle for democracy in South Africa; and

WHEREAS, she provided dedicated and strong leadership as Assistant Secretary for Education in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare during the Carter Administration; and

WHEREAS, she has received thirty honorable doctoral degrees and numerous awards for outstanding service and scholarly activities, including the NAACP's Roy Wilkins and Image Award, the Rosa Parks Award of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Hubert

Humphrey Award of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; 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 and appreciate the assistance of Dr. Mary Frances Berry for her outstanding contributions in championing the civil rights of others in the U.S. and abroad, and hereby proclaims April 17, 2002, as “**DR. MARY FRANCES BERRY DAY**” in the City of San Diego.

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