

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296383

ADOPTED ON APR 22 2002

WHEREAS, the Black Contractors Association [BCA] was founded in 1982 by Executive President Abdur-Rahim Hameed as a community-based trade organization to promote equal opportunity for blacks in construction; and

WHEREAS, the BCA seeks to improve economic opportunity for Blacks in construction since historically and today they do not get their proportionate share of work in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, the organization's membership is composed of community contractors seeking to do business with a broader network and have opportunities to provide services for larger projects in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the BCA established the first state-approved African American sponsored apprenticeship program in the United States to level the playing field and create access in contracting to people of color; and

WHEREAS, the BCA was given \$1.5 million in Community Development Block Grant Funds from Councilman George Stevens to build its 10,000 square foot Apprenticeship Training Center which serves to train, educate, and assist tradesmen and women, as well as contractors in obtaining jobs regardless of the color of their skin; and

WHEREAS, many training programs have been established by the BCA, including the

Labor Boot Camp, Inner-City Community Labor Pool, San Diego Youth @ Work, Innercity Community Unilateral Apprenticeship Committee, and others that provide business opportunities in contracting; and

WHEREAS, during the past twenty years, the BCA has supported equal opportunity in the construction industry and worked with government agencies and city officials to enhance their policies and procedures to promote equal opportunity; 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, hereby commends the Black Contractors Association on its 20th Anniversary for the many contributions the Association has made to the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 27, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"BLACK CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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