RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296407

ADOPTED ON **APR 2 9 2002**

WHEREAS, in 1952, Holy Spirit Catholic Parish was erected by Bishop Charles F. Buddy and Founding Pastor Father Edward Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the first Masses were held at a converted garage at 5204 Maple Street and later moved to El Morocco Club on Federal Boulevard and Euclid Avenue; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Father Johnson passed away and was succeeded by Monsignor Joseph P. O'Leary, who was able to offer Mass in the completed section of the Holy Spirit School; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 1955, Holy Spirit Church was dedicated by Bishop Buddy; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Monsignor O'Leary retired and was succeeded by Monsignor William S. Bergin, who remained Pastor until his retirement in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Father Dennis Mikulanis began serving as Pastor in 1988 and devoted his energy to upgrading the facilities, involving the laity in various ministries, and broadening support for the parish school; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, Monsignor Roger A. Lechner has been Pastor of Holy Spirit Church and made it a mission to unite the many varied cultures of the community offering Mass in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese; and

WHEREAS, a steady flow of Vietnamese people have joined Holy Spirit Parish over the years and Father Doan Van Lai was appointed Associate Pastor with special concern for the growing population of Vietnamese parishioners; and

WHEREAS, Holy Spirit Church is now celebrating their 50th Anniversary; 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 the Holy Spirit Church for fifty years of service and contributions to the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 19, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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