

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296508

ADOPTED ON MAY 21 2002

WHEREAS, in 1969, an Augustinian priest, Patrick Nidorf, formed a counseling group and then a support group for the growing gay community of San Diego—and a national organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) Catholics was founded; and

WHEREAS, Dignity was organized to be a voice of change within the Catholic Church, a beacon of light for all who seek justice and equality, as well as a place of worship and peaceful reflection without bias; and

WHEREAS, each October, Dignity San Diego joins other Dignity chapters throughout the country by distributing rainbow ribbons on Solidarity Sunday in an effort to raise awareness of the presence of verbal, physical and spiritual violence that continues to exist in our society; and

WHEREAS, since 1972, Dignity San Diego has reached out to LGBT Catholics, their families and friends in order to develop leadership and be an instrument through which to be heard by and promote reform in the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, since 1972, Dignity San Diego has reinforced to LGBT Catholics their sense of self-acceptance and dignity and encouraged full participation in the life of the Church and society; and

WHEREAS, since 1972, Dignity San Diego has worked for justice and equality through

education and by supporting social and legal reforms; and

WHEREAS, since 1972, Dignity San Diego has given witness to the LGBT community at large by participating in such activities as San Diego Pride and AIDS Walk, contributing to the Hillcrest Youth Center and by giving a portion of its weekly contributions to Special Delivery; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 19, 2002, at the First Unitarian Church in Hillcrest, a 30th Anniversary Eucharistic Celebration will be held to mark this milestone in Dignity San Diego's history; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby commend Dignity San Diego for 30 years of service to San Diego's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered Catholic community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 19, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"DIGNITY SAN DIEGO 30TH ANNIVERSARY DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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