

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296669

ADOPTED ON: JUN 17 2002

WHEREAS, since 1978, the Reverends Carolyn and Tom Owen-Towle, through their leadership at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, have served not only their congregation, but by their considerable works have promoted the welfare of all citizens of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, during their period of leadership at the church, Reverends Carolyn and Tom Owen-Towle have opened the church campus for use as a homeless shelter; and

WHEREAS, Reverends Carolyn and Tom Owen-Towle have supported diversity and family by performing same-sex unions; and

WHEREAS, Reverends Carolyn and Tom Owen-Towle, by allowing the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego to be the first non-gay church to offer memorial services for AIDS-related deaths, have fostered compassion among the citizens of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Reverends Carolyn and Tom Owen-Towle have encouraged the building of low-income housing through their participation with the San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP); and

WHEREAS, Reverends Carolyn and Tom Owen-Towle have consistently advocated for equal recognition of women in all areas of the community and throughout society; and

WHEREAS, Reverends Carolyn and Tom Owen-Towle have inspired children and older

youth through mentoring and offering programs throughout the city that teach responsible behavior and non-violence; and

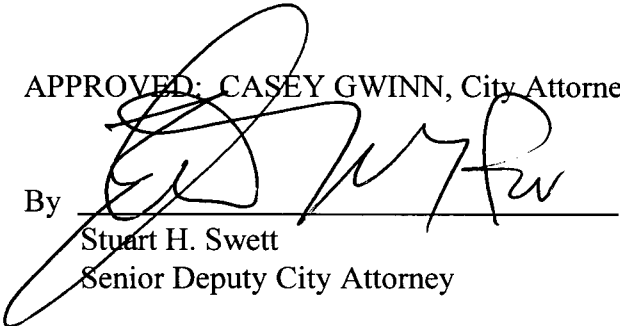
WHEREAS, Reverends Carolyn and Tom Owen-Towle have announced their retirement from the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the Citizens of San Diego, hereby commends Reverends Carolyn and Tom Owen-Towle for their commitment to a variety of social causes and their many years of service to the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego and the greater San Diego community, and wishes them well upon their retirement from the church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 17, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **“REVERENDS CAROLYN AND TOM OWEN-TOWLE DAY”** in the City of San Diego

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