

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-**297025**

ADOPTED ON **SEP 09 2002**

WHEREAS, Reverend James Linzie Whitmill was born on January 24, 1941 in Tyler, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitmill, the second of three children; and

WHEREAS, he was called into ministry in 1960 at the age of eighteen years old, and served as Pastor of Fairfield Baptist Church; Pastor, Little Zion Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas; Organizer/Pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, he received his B.A. degree in Sociology in 1970 from California Baptist College, Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church over a century ago, it has served as a center of spiritual, social and economic life from the time when the first African American pioneers settled in San Diego, California; and

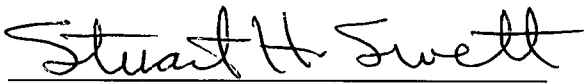
WHEREAS, he has served as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President, California Missionary Baptist State Convention; First Vice-Moderator, Progressive Baptist District Association; Member, City of San Diego Waste Management Board; Member, Mayor's Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, under Pastor J. Linzie Whitmill's leadership, the church has remained active in encouraging and assisting its members in the process of building self-esteem and economic independence, and today proudly counts among its diverse congregation many who grew up within the church to become successful professionals and business owners; 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 Reverend James Linzie Whitmill for his service and contributions to the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 9, 2002 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**Reverend James Linzie Whitmill Day**" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

By   
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