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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297678

ADOPTED ON FEB. 24 2003

WHEREAS, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church was first founded in 1927, when it opened its doors at its first location at 805 25th Street in San Diego, and in 1951 the parish was moved to its current location at 3655 Park Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, when St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church was founded, the congregation consisted of 50 Greek families, 80 percent being directly from Greece, and 20 percent were Greek refugees torn from their homeland by the Turkish occupation and ethnic cleansing of Asia Minor; and

WHEREAS, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church has served the Greek and Orthodox communities, a faith that serves over 350 million members worldwide, and has provided a common meeting place for people of Greek ancestry to meet and share their memories and cultural heritage together; and

WHEREAS, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church has parented three additional Southern California parishes, St. Constantine and St. Helen in Cardiff, St. Gregory in El Cajon, and St. Nicholas in Temecula; and

WHEREAS, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church supports organizations which endorse cultural awareness, as well as educational and charitable programs for all San Diegans, such as:

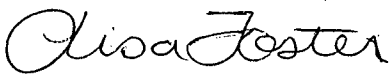
the Ladies Philoptochos Society which aids ill, elderly, and other disadvantaged San Diegans; Missions, the Innocent Orphanage in Tijuana; Greek Language School; Senior Citizens Club; Greek Orthodox Youth of America (GOYA), an ethnic dance school; and the oldest Greek festival in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego recognizes February 24, 2003, as a time to reflect on the spiritual, educational, and cultural contributions of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church and appreciates the important role it plays in the lives of many San Diegans, from parishioners to festival-goers; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby celebrate St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church's 75th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 24, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 75TH ANNIVERSARY DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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