

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297980

ADOPTED ON MAY 20 2003

WHEREAS, the ministry of Reverend Wayne Riggs has covered half a century and taken him around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Wayne Riggs has served the men, women, officers and families of the sea services in a variety of settings— ashore and afloat, at war and in peace; and

WHEREAS, Plymouth Congregational Church and its pastor believe the mission of the church is “Serving God by Serving Others,” and pursuant to this the church responds to the needs of the hungry, those searching for sobriety, and children and families seeking to move from poverty to self-sufficiency, and also gives support to the North Park Christian Service Agency, Head Start, Spin (Supportive Parents Information Network), North Park Unity Teen Center, the Pan-American Institute in Mexico, the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, the Blind Community Center and Vietnam Veterans of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Wayne Riggs is the Human Values and Spiritual Aims Chairman for Kiwanis-Division 21, where he has orchestrated events that promote application of faith principles to community service; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Wayne Riggs serves on a multitude of committees as a representative of Plymouth Congregational Church; and

WHEREAS, as a pastor, Reverend Wayne Riggs brings a faith-based element to these groups that are working to meet the needs of the community, including the Balboa Park Collaborative, San Diego Kids Health Assurance Network, Caring Council, Interfaith Committee

for Worker Justice, Equity Alliance, Save Our Forests and Ranch Lands, Interdenominational Alliance of San Diego County, and the Affordable Housing Coalition; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Wayne Riggs has provided leadership for the National Association and Cal-West (Association of Congregational Christian Churches of California and Neighboring Western States, Inc.) by hosting the NACCC National Convention/San Diego 1998, and by serving as moderator since 2001; and

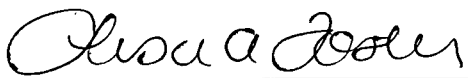
WHEREAS, for the past 14 years since coming to Plymouth Congregational Church, Reverend Wayne Riggs has worked with the elected officers in the city and state on quality of life issues which affect the poor and working class; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 4, 2003, there will be a special celebration at the Hyatt Islandia Hotel to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Reverend Wayne Riggs; 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, commends Reverend Wayne Riggs for his commitment and dedication to numerous community organizations which advocate for the poor and the working poor and congratulates him upon the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 4, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **“REVEREND WAYNE RIGGS DAY”** in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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