

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297982

ADOPTED ON MAY 20 2003

WHEREAS, this is the 22nd year since the identification of the HIV virus; and

WHEREAS, there is no singular face to HIV/AIDS, as the pandemic has spared no country, avoided no community, and respected no border; and

WHEREAS, there have been over 28 million people worldwide who have died from AIDS; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 42 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide; and

WHEREAS, tens of billions of dollars have been spent fighting this disease; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2003, The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is being held in over 2,000 communities in 85 different countries to commemorate and remember those lost to AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is "Many Faces, One Voice," to reflect the many cultures and communities affected by this deadly killer; and

WHEREAS, the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is an opportunity for each of us to dedicate ourselves for the first time or once again to the fight against HIV and AIDS, and


on this night join together in our commitment to continue the fight until there is a cure and the pandemic is over for all people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, as part of this commemoration, an AIDS Candlelight Memorial will be held at the First Unitarian Universalist Church from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18th, beginning with a reception followed by the memorial service and a candlelight vigil; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby commemorate the lives of those lost to AIDS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 18, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "THE 20TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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