

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297985

ADOPTED ON MAY 20 2003

WHEREAS, Apostle Lawrence Gray began his ministry in 1963 and was ordained as an elder in the Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, he has turned his faith into action by ministering the gospel to congregations as small as six to crowds of over 70,000, and by hosting a Christian television broadcast that reaches across four states and into Canada; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 he founded the first Church of God in Christ in Hanau, West Germany; and

WHEREAS, he was named in the premier edition of Who's Who in the Church of God in Christ in 1990-1991 and in Who's Who in Religion in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Gray, as a National and International Evangelist for the Church of God in Christ, made several trips on behalf of the Church to Germany, Central America, South Africa, Kenya, Denmark, and Great Britain to further the work of the ministry; and

WHEREAS, in more than twenty years as an evangelist, he traveled to preach in every state in the United States of America and established churches and built ministries in the states of Oklahoma, Washington, and California; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Gray saw the need in the community and started the Feed-A-Kid Program that has fed the needs of the children of over 25,000 families since 1982 with food, clothing, winter coats, shoes, school supplies, rent and utility bill payments; and

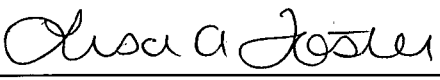
WHEREAS, Apostle Gray, with his ministry, purchased property in the Southeast San Diego-Logan Heights area and through building and renovation, personal contact with the local population, and quiet confrontation with some of the drug dealers, changed the face of the corner. In place of a run-down, graffiti-tagged, overgrown, and burnt-out property is a thriving daycare center and single women's home across the street from the beautiful church edifice that is headquarters to outreach ministries in El Centro and Oceanside, California and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Gray is now celebrating his 25th Year as the pastor and founder of Christian Center Ministries, and 40 years of ministry; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize Apostle Lawrence Velvine Gray for his outstanding, selfless service to his faith and his fellow man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 22, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "APOSTLE LAWRENCE V. GRAY DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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