

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298886

ADOPTED ON FEB 09 2004

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802, allowing Americans of African descent to be recruited into the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, in August of 1942, Howard Perry of Charlotte, North Carolina, was the first recruit to report to the then-segregated Montford Point Camp located at Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina. In July 1948, President Harry S. Truman issued Executive Order 9981, negating segregation and a year later, Montford Point Camp was deactivated thus ending seven years of segregation in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Chapter-12 (SDC-12) is an affiliate of the Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. (MPMA), which is a national non-profit war veterans association established on September 18, 1965, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and became incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on June 10, 1967; and

WHEREAS, the Montford Point Marine Association, Inc., San Diego Chapter-12 was established on September 7, 1967, by Thomas H. McPhatter, an original Montford Pointer and Iwo Jima survivor, at the Marine Corp Base Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California, and was headquartered at 3030 Imperial Avenue from 1977 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Montford Point Marine Association, Inc., San Diego Chapter-12 has been actively involved in local civic projects including the Neighborhood House, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), Catfish Club, San Diego Food Bank, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), United Negro College Fund (UNCF), the National Urban League, the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA), Elks, American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); and


WHEREAS, the Montford Point Marine Association, Inc., San Diego Chapter-12 has awarded numerous scholarships to local students and participated in the Annual Marines Corps Reserve Toys for Tots from 1985 to 1996 and is responsible for the implementation of a tracking system by which families received toys and which remains in use by the Reserve Center; and

WHEREAS, the Montford Point Marine Association, Inc., San Diego Chapter-12 actively participates in community events throughout San Diego to impart knowledge of the unrecorded Marine Corps history which excluded the legacy of the Montford Point Marines; 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, does hereby recognize MONTFORD POINT MARINE ASSOCIATION, INC., SAN DIEGO CHAPTER-12 in honor of Black History Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that FEBRUARY 9, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed
to be "MONTFORD POINT MARINE ASSOCIATION, INC., DAY" in the City of
San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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