

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299128

ADOPTED ON APR 26 2004

WHEREAS, George Walker Smith grew up with his ten brothers and sisters in rural Alabama; and

WHEREAS, as a child George witnessed the mistreatment of African-Americans, which sparked his determination to put an end to the injustice towards all people; and

WHEREAS, George attended a private high school where he excelled at everything and went on to attend Knoxville College where he studied chemistry and biology; and

WHEREAS, George dreamt about becoming a doctor but at the time Alabama schools would not accept African American students and that is when George's path towards helping people changed from medicine to ministry; and

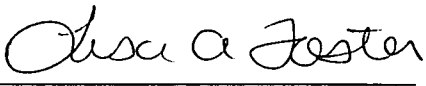
WHEREAS, George came to San Diego in 1956 and as a pastor at Christ United Presbyterian Church witnessed several changes in San Diego's political and social landscape; many of those changes were made because of his leadership; and

WHEREAS, George has made a tremendous impact on San Diego's political and social landscape with his venerable Catfish Club, which he founded in 1970; and

WHEREAS, in November 1963, George became a member of the San Diego City School Board and the City's first African-American elected official; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 29, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be
"GEORGE WALKER SMITH DAY " in the City of San Diego,

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