

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299474

ADOPTED ON JUL 26 2004

WHEREAS, Harold K. Brown was born on May 6, 1934, in York, Pennsylvania, as the youngest child among four brothers and two sisters; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Harold K. Brown became a member of the Wesley Foundation, a student Methodist organization, where he spoke to church groups on the race issue; in 1960, he helped form the Afro American Association whose purpose was to assist "Negroes" to understand the system of racism and its effect on the lives of Black Americans; and in 1961, he co-founded The San Diego Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), a civil rights organization that led the civil rights movement in San Diego and later he became chairman to represent the western region on CORE's national planning committee; and

WHEREAS, Harold K. Brown received his Baccalaureate degree from San Diego State University, his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Fordham University in New York City, and completed selected course work toward a Ph.D. degree in executive management at The Claremont Graduate School of Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Harold K. Brown has been involved in the community for more than thirty-five years, has served on many boards, and has been and continues to be a member of many community organizations including the Board of the College of Retailing, San Diego School Integration Task Force, San Diego State University Study Commission on Black Affairs (SCOBA), and San Diego State University Afro-American Studies Department and Computer Center; and

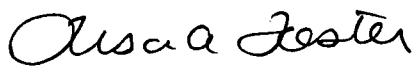
WHEREAS, his dedication and efforts in the civil rights movement pioneered the struggle in San Diego against social injustice and, through his fight against racial prejudice and discrimination, he was responsible for displaying the first Black Santa Clause in San Diego and the first Miss Black San Diego contest; and

WHEREAS, Harold K. Brown was selected as one of the top five outstanding new teachers in San Diego in 1961; he has received the Congressional Distinguished Service Award, the Martin Luther King Drum Major Award, the NAACP President's Award, the YMCA Distinguished Service Award, the Richard Preston Award, LEAD San Diego's Visionary Leadership Award, and was named Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year; and the Harold K. Brown Award was created in his honor by San Diego State University and is given to a faculty or staff member who mirrored the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; 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 commend HAROLD K. BROWN as Founder of the San Diego State University Center for Community Economic Development (CED) and for his years of leadership and excellent community economic development work throughout the City of San Diego and the surrounding region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that JULY 26, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "HAROLD K. BROWN DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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