

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300092

ADOPTED ON JAN 31 2005

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Israel, San Diego's first Jewish congregation, traces its beginnings to 1861, when Old Town merchant Marcus Schiller led a group of ten Jews to organize Congregation Adath Yeshurun (Assembly of Israel); and

WHEREAS, the Congregation was incorporated in February 1887 with the new name Congregation Beth Israel, for purposes of buying land to construct its first building; and

WHEREAS, members built their first permanent synagogue in 1889 at Second and Beech in downtown San Diego, and this structure is now preserved in San Diego's Old Town Heritage Park as one of the two oldest existing synagogues in the West; and

WHEREAS, the members built their second synagogue home in 1925 at Third and Laurel which served the Congregation and the community for more than 75 years; and

WHEREAS, the Congregation has just commemorated its third anniversary in its new campus facility at Towne Centre Drive and Golden Haven Drive, and now serves a membership of more than 4,000 individuals who live throughout San Diego County; and

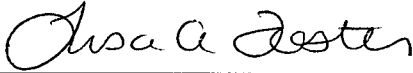
WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Congregation and its members have made important contributions to the San Diego community through their cultural, educational, and social service programs; and

WHEREAS, in August 2004, the members welcomed Rabbi Paul Citrin as their new Senior Rabbi and they will conduct a community celebration and rabbinic installation ceremony on Sabbath eve, Friday, December 3, 2004; 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, warmly welcomes Rabbi Paul Citrin to our community and commends Congregation Beth Israel for its many decades of service to our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that December 3, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **“CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL DAY”** in the City of San Diego.

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