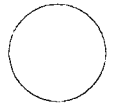


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WHEREAS, Richard Lawrence will celebrate his 70th birthday and an extraordinary life of service in community development and social advocacy on Friday, November 10th, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lawrence is a true community hero, an ordained Methodist minister and a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement who brushed shoulders with the great social justice giants of our era; and

WHEREAS, in Chicago, Richard Lawrence stood with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in protest of lending and hiring practices that discriminated against African Americans; he drove an old VW bus down to the South with food for civil rights demonstrators; and he organized with the Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition and Operation PUSH; and

WHEREAS, as a two-term Council Member in Lawrence, MA, Richard Lawrence led efforts to revitalize a former textile manufacturing town suffering from poverty and neglect; served as chair of the City's Charter Review Committee and the Small Business Revolving Loan Fund; and as vice-chair of the Housing and Economic Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lawrence also directed the start-up of the Greater Lawrence Community Foundation; and spent nearly 15 years with Cummins Engine working in management, plant operations, personnel, and as the program director of minority community development programs for the Cummins Engine Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lawrence's San Diego legacy includes work on the 45-acre City of Villages project in Southeastern San Diego, which when completed will bring to the area new commercial and retail businesses, more than 800 affordable housing units, and several hundred jobs; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lawrence is so known and beloved by housing advocates throughout San Diego that he was named the Housing Federation's Advocate of the Year for his work with the Affordable Housing Coalition and the City of San Diego's Affordable Housing Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lawrence has also shared his wealth of experience and knowledge as a member of the boards of the Independent Gaming Review Board (Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians), Children Having Children/Project New Village, Vazi Amali/Alpha to Omega Training and Retail Center, Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, National Black United Fund, Consumer Appeals Board – Ford Motor Company, NAACP Executive Board of Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts, Habitat for Humanity in Lawrence, Massachusetts, International Institute of Greater Lawrence, and YMCA of Greater Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, extending his labor of love, Richard Lawrence has also served as a Commissioner of the Lawrence Human Rights Commission, Chair of Black Methodists for Church Renewal and the Negotiations Committee of PUSH's Operation Breadbasket in Chicago, and as a founding member of the Association of Black Foundation Executives; and

WHEREAS, as an inspiration to his four talented children, Valory, Abigail, Tony, and Benjamin, Richard Lawrence finds time to renew himself through music, golf, camping with his wife, Nancy, catching Joan Baez concerts, and playing with his cherished grandchildren, Anthony, Isabella, and Richie; 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 Richard Lawrence for a lifelong commitment to a ministry of interracial and economic justice, and join with his friends and family in wishing Richard joy and laughter on his 70th birthday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Friday, November 10, 2006, is hereby proclaimed to be "RICHARD LAWRENCE DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Catherine M. Bradley
Catherine M. Bradley
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of DEC - 5 2006.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 12.15.06
(date)

[Signature]
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on _____, by the following vote:

Council Members	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Ineligible
Scott Peters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Faulconer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Date of final passage _____

AUTHENTICATED BY:

JERRY SANDERS
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

By *Debbie Swenson Cruz*, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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