

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302540

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 25 2007

WHEREAS, Rabbi Martin S. Lawson was born in Muskegon, Michigan on June 9, 1945, and was raised in Miami Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Lawson received his Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Florida at Gainesville in 1967 and both his Bachelor of Hebrew Letters and his Master of Hebrew Letters from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1974, where he was also ordained as a Rabbi; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Lawson was Assistant Rabbi at The Temple in Atlanta until 1976 when he came to San Diego to serve as the Assistant Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El, where he assumed the post of Senior Rabbi in 1978 and where in 1993 he was honored with a contract through retirement; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Lawson is a founder of, and an instructor at the San Diego High School of Jewish Studies, is a founder and former Director of the San Diego Jewish Academy, was Chairperson of the San Diego Task Force on Holocaust Commemoration for the Jewish Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation, and is on the National Rabbinic Cabinet of the United Jewish Communities; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Lawson pioneered an Introduction to Judaism course for resettled Soviet Jews and chaired a community Reform Marriage Celebration for ten Soviet couples; and

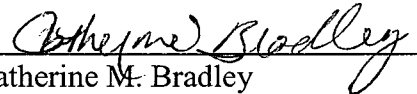
WHEREAS, during the Gulf War, Rabbi Lawson helped to initiate community dialogue to prevent harassment of Arabs and Muslims in the San Diego Community and, as a result, helped establish the Inter-religious Council of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, in May 1999, Rabbi Lawson received the Doctor of Divinity degree, *Honoris Causa*, from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and received the first award for Rabbinic Leadership from the United Jewish Federation of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Lawson is a respected, admired and beloved religious leader in San Diego and is known nationally and internationally for his unrelenting drive to obtain social justice and advance human rights and human dignity; 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, recognizes and salutes Rabbi Lawson for his invaluable service to the community and does hereby proclaim April 7, 2007 to be **“RABBI MARTIN S. LAWSON DAY”** in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By   
Catherine M. Bradley  
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept: Council Madaffer  
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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 APR 17 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By *Mano Zamora*  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 4-25-07  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor