

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302848DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 26 2007

WHEREAS, Bishop Gilberto E. Chavez was born on May 9, 1932, in Ontario, California to Margarito Chavez and Ramona Espinoza; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Gilberto E. Chavez entered St. Francis Seminary in El Cajon, CA in September 1952, and later transferred to Immaculate Heart Seminary where he completed his studies and was ordained at the age of 28 on March 19, 1960, in the Chapel of the Immaculate on the Campus of the University of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Gilberto E. Chavez served as an Associate Pastor at several parishes for 9 years, and in 1969, he became Pastor at St. Anne's Church in San Diego and was later named Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in San Ysidro; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Gilberto E. Chavez was named Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego on April 19, 1974, by Bishop Leo T. Maher under the ordinance of Pope Paul VI at a time when not many roles in U.S. leadership existed for priests of Mexican descent; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Gilberto E. Chavez was active in a number of Latino organizations in the 70's, like Padre Hidalgo Center in Barrio Logan which provided vocational training, legal aid, parenting and Spanish classes for clergy to better communicate with Mexican people; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Gilberto E. Chavez has served as Pastor at St. Joseph's Cathedral for the last 17 years, where he has been an integral part in the multicultural growth of the Diocese and in developing the idea and infrastructure for Hispanic Ministry; 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 proclaim June 24, 2007 to be "BISHOP GILBERTO E. CHAVEZ DAY" in the City of San Diego in recognition of his dedication to the Diocese 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 JUL 17 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7-26-07
(date)

[Signature]
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor