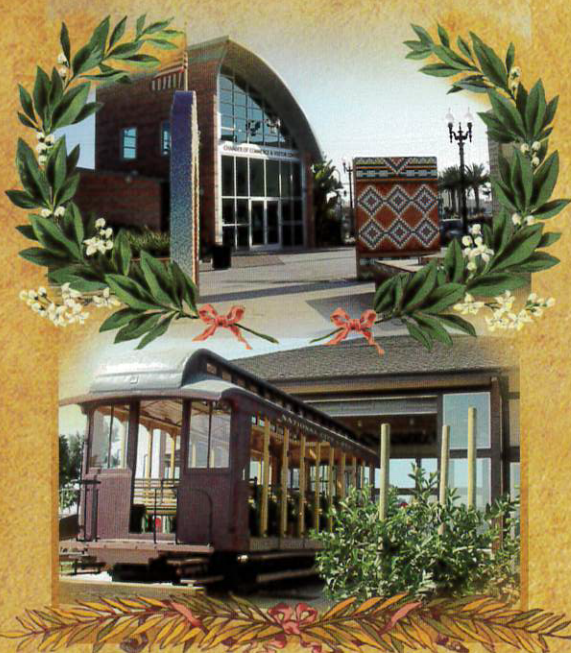


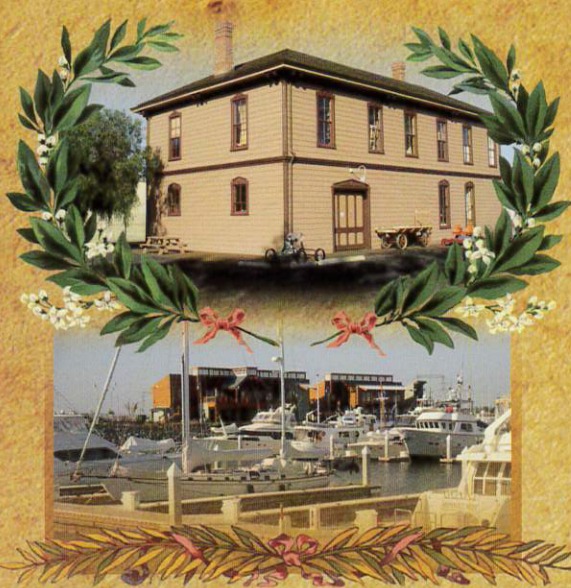
Proclamation



WHEREAS, Rev. Edmundo Zarate-Suarez was born and raised in Mexicali Baja California by Agustin and Margarita Zarate. He was one of six siblings, and was raised on a farm; and



WHEREAS, after finishing the university, he was given the opportunity to begin seminary formation in Ireland, where he lived for four years studying Philosophy and Theology. On June 29, 1996, he was ordained to the priesthood; and



WHEREAS, He served as associate pastor for his first two years of priesthood, then began his first assignment as Pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Since then he has been a pastor of three other parishes, and in 2007 he became a pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in the City of National City. All of his pastorate assignments have been working in communities with high percentages of immigrants; and

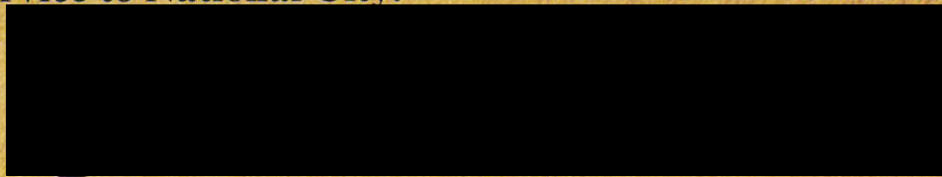
WHEREAS, Father Edmundo Zarate, Pastor at St. Anthony of Padua, shared his message for the National City community regarding the COVID-19 vaccine: "We need everyone to receive the vaccine and to stay away from any misinformation about the vaccine because it is safe to receive it."; and

WHEREAS, Father Edmundo Zarate will always be remembered in National City for his caring involvement of both his Parish and in the Community and especially for his Mariachi singing ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Ron Morrison, Mayor by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, affix the official seal and do hereby on behalf of the City Council, proclaim May 2, 2023 as:

Rev. Edmundo Zarate-Suarez Day

As the Mayor of the City of National City, I call upon all citizens of National City to observe and to celebrate Re. Edmundo Zarate-Suarez 25 years of service to National City.



Ron Morrison

Proud to be Mayor of National City

