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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Lawrence Presley*

**WHEREAS,**

## **LAWRENCE PRESLEY**

*departed from this life and entered into his eternal rest on Friday, April 12, 2024; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Lawrence Presley was born on December 14, 1941 in Bayou LaBatre, Alabama, accepted Christ at the age of nine at New Hope Baptist Church, and after graduation from St. Elmo's High School moved to Milwaukee where he met and married Jewel Adams; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Upon moving to Milwaukee Lawrence worked various jobs at a car wash, the steel foundry, as a taxi cab driver, owner of a dry cleaners, and semi truck driver before becoming a Pastor by accepting his call to preach under the leadership of Reverend Leonard McDonald at Bethel Baptist Church, becoming ordained in February 1982; and*

**WHEREAS,** *He became the Pastor of St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church on November 8, 1981, and one of his greatest accomplishments during his time at the former St. Mary's, now called Lamb of God Missionary Baptist Church, was the successful relocation to a new property at 8415 W. Bradley Rd.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The educational wing of the church was renamed in his honor, and after 30 years of faithful service, retired to Tennessee, but was a great visionary and many have been blessed, inspired and encouraged by his life and ministry; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Lawrence Presley is survived by a host of family who are left to cherish his memory including his sisters: Geri Pope and Gloria Johnson; sons: Marcus (Nettie), Ricky; godson, Christopher McDonald; daughters: Bernita (Daryl) Duncan, Rotasha (Joel) Wade, Tanisha (Tymetric) Dillon; nine grandchildren: Brittney, Bria, Dominique, Deandra, Adonis, Isaiah, Trinity, Taniyah & Ty, Jr; and a host of extended family, nieces, nephews, and friends; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Lawrence Presley, who will be remembered fondly for his hard work, dedication, and love of his family and friends; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Lawrence Presley.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Larresa Taylor, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, JoCasta Zamarripa, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, Marina Dimitrijevic, and Russell W. Stamper, II, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 21st, 2024.**