

BY ALD. COGGS, DAVIS, PEREZ, BOHL, BORKOWSKI,

Resolution recognizing and congratulating Pastor Joe E. Todd on the occasion of his 32nd Pastoral Anniversary.

WHEREAS,

PASTOR JOE E. TODD

celebrated his 32nd pastoral anniversary on December 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, *Pastor Joe E. Todd has been active in ministry since October 1979 and he organized Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church on December 17, 1983, devoting his life to the church and community of Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Pastor Joe E. Todd's strong leadership and persistence have helped the congregation grow from four members to more than 500 currently, in addition to the construction of a new edifice in 1997 and the Ephesians Learning Center in 2003; and*

WHEREAS, *Pastor Joe E. Todd is a widely-acclaimed minister who serves as spiritual leader of congregations both nationally and internationally, including eight ministries throughout the country and East Africa; and*

WHEREAS, *Pastor Joe E. Todd and wife Erma have demonstrated their commitment to social justice by supporting efforts to bring resources and programs to underserved Milwaukee communities for more than 30 years; and*

WHEREAS, *Pastor Joe E. Todd has been a loving husband to wife Erma for more than 50 years, and they have instilled the values of love, devotion and piety in their four children, 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Pastor Joe E. Todd on his 32nd Pastoral Anniversary Celebration and extends for him its sincere wishes for continued health, success and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor Joe E. Todd.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Joe Davis, Sr., José G. Pérez, Jim Bohl, and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 15, 2015.