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Resolution congratulating Greater Bethlehem Temple World Ministries on the occasion of its 75th anniversary celebration and 120 year-old building rededication.

WHEREAS,

GREATER BETHLEHEM TEMPLE WORLD MINISTRIES

celebrated its 75th anniversary and virtually met every Sunday starting on May 2, 2021 and ending on May 30, 2021 with a rededication celebration for its 120 year-old building; and

***WHEREAS,** The Bethlehem Temple Church, under the divine inspiration of God, was organized under the leadership of Bishop William and Lady Anna Ruth Rogers in October 1946, and is the oldest African American Apostolic Pentecostal Church in the City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin; and*

***WHEREAS,** Since 1951 the Bethlehem Temple Church has been at its current location of 222 E. Center St., and was eventually renamed by Bishop Samuel D. Rodgers to the Greater Bethlehem Temple World Ministries; and*

***WHEREAS,** God inspired to expand the vision of the Greater Bethlehem Temple World Ministries, Bishop Samuel D. and Lady Shirley Rogers created the William-Ruth Health Resource Center, the Back to School and Community Block Party, the Winter Warm-Up, and the Pretty in Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Program; and*

***WHEREAS,** After the transition of Bishop Samuel D. Rodgers, the Greater Bethlehem Temple World Ministries was blessed to have Bishop Charles J. Foye and Lady Christina Foye as Interim Pastors, who were eventually followed by the current Elder Marquis Young and First Lady Erica Young, installed on September 29, 2019; and*

***WHEREAS,** Following the leadership of Elder Marquis and Erica Young, the Greater Bethlehem Temple World Ministries will continue to be serving the community in positive spirit, sharing the Gospel, and engaging in community outreach and education; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates The Greater Bethlehem Temple World Ministries on 75 years of dedicated service and outstanding leadership contributions and wishes many more years of success; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Greater Bethlehem Temple World Ministries.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Cavalier Johnson, Scott Spiker, Nikiya Dodd, Mark A. Borkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II,

José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 4, 2021.