

BY ALD. HAMILTON

*Resolution recognizing Martha Freeman for her contributions to the community as Pastor of Alpha & Omega Ministries Church and as a HOOD ambassador.*

**WHEREAS,**

**PASTOR MARTHA (MAMA) FREEMAN**

*was celebrated for her contributions to the Garden Homes Park Neighborhood in the 1<sup>st</sup> Aldermanic District; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Martha Freeman dedicated herself to improving the lives of the people around her at an early age, working as a private detective and a correctional officer, positions that taught her how to make an impact on those who needed her motherly guidance most; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Martha Freeman retired from those positions and continued to spread her message of pacifism and compassion as pastor of Alpha & Omega Church, where she became a matriarch of the Garden Homes Park Neighborhood, assisting anyone who was in need of a strong shoulder to lean on; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Martha Freeman took it upon herself to be a mother to five children and a host of grandchildren, and she also saw it as her duty to be a mother to all those in need of her nurturing care; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Martha Freeman's efforts as a Violence Interrupter, her contributions to the Safe Zone Initiative and her work as a Helping Others Obtain Direction (H.O.O.D.) Ambassador are a reflection of her refusal to let violence sully the lives of those in her neighborhood; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Pastor Martha Freeman's impact as a matriarch and a change maker in the Garden Homes Park Neighborhood and the City of Milwaukee, and extends for her its sincere wishes for continued prosperity and happiness; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor Martha Freeman, an outstanding citizen.*

***Introduced by Common Council member Ashanti Hamilton and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 1, 2015.***