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*Resolution congratulating Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its 60th anniversary celebration of faith and service.*

**WHEREAS,**

# **ZION HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

*celebrated its 60th anniversary on May 19, 2019 at 1825 W. Hampton Ave. in Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, a thriving worship community in Milwaukee, was organized in the afternoon of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1959 under the divine guidance of the late Missionary, Rev. B.G. Gordan, Rev. John B. Junior, and others. Rev. Obie B. Sartin, Sr. organized such a mission at 2771 N 18<sup>th</sup> street, and started the official church in May of 1959 with just nine chartered members; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Today Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church has hundreds of members, and the Zion Hill Missionary Society has provided meals and Bible lessons to the residents at the Guest House, a homeless shelter in the inner city, and has provided Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for needy families throughout the City of Milwaukee community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In 2006, Zion Hill partnered with community organizations that minister to young men, and Minister Michael Olive was employed at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission when he invited the young men to come to Zion Hill, where they enrolled in a Recovery Program (in place at the Rescue Mission) and are required to get involved in positive spiritual activities in the community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Zion Hill celebrates the 60th Church Anniversary with a membership of more than 300 members under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Russell B. Williamson, who has formally served as a member of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. Board of Directors, NBC Congress of Christian Education, and is Former President of the Wisconsin General Baptist State Congress of Christian Education; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church congregation has stayed together, prayed together, rejoiced together, and mourned together while persevering under the leadership of just two pastors and three Deacon Board Chairmen, and has been blessed to answer the call and the needs of the church community spiritually, economically, socially and educationally over the last 60 years; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church on its 60th anniversary, extends its sincere appreciation on behalf of the community and wishes for it continued success and prosperity; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier**

*Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 29, 2019.*