

TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM –

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Barbara Louise Nelson-McCrimmon*

SUNRISE: NOVEMBER 30, 1946 - SUNSET: OCTOBER 8, 2024

SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMEMBER FRED DURHAL III

WHEREAS Barbara Louise Nelson-McCrimmon was born on November 30, 1946, in Detroit, Michigan. Her parents, the late Reverend Eugene and Lenora Nelson, proudly welcomed her as their eighth child. Barbara embraced the Christian faith at a young age and became a member of the A.M.E Church. When Barbara's father, the Rev. Eugene Nelson, retired from the ministry, Barbara and other members of the Nelson-McCrimmon Family joined and became devoted members of the Historic Ebenezer A.M.E. Church; **and**

WHEREAS Barbara Louise Nelson-McCrimmon embarked on her journey with early education in the Detroit Public School District. After graduating from Northern High School, she pursued higher education and earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Social Work from Wayne State University. Barbara blossomed into a passionate advocate for human rights, unwaveringly committed to the principles of Family Preservation. She became an indefatigable champion for families in the Black Community, striving to ensure that services provided dignity, justice, and empowerment to strengthen families. Barbara was a member of the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW). She held various positions during her membership in the Detroit Local Chapter of NABSW, including Vice President, Fundraising Chairperson, and Conference Coordinator; **and**

WHEREAS Barbara's career at the Michigan Department of Social Services advanced significantly, starting as a line worker in the Child Protective Services Division and progressing to the roles of Unit Supervisor and District Manager for the Wayne County Department of Social Services. In addition, she provided invaluable coaching, mentoring, and consulting services in the areas of Child Welfare and Older Adult Services; **and**

WHEREAS Barbara remained dedicated to serving others, throughout her adult life. As a co-founder of Black Family Development, Inc., she worked tirelessly to strengthen and enhance the lives of children, youth, and families. Her involvement in the Social Service Ministry and the Ebenezer Commission on Family Life demonstrates her deep commitment to building safe, nurturing, and vibrant communities. Barbara's legacy lives on through the impactful work of the Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to community outreach and youth development services. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That Honorable Councilmember Fred Durhal III and members of the Detroit City Council hereby expresses its condolences and joins with family and friends in celebrating the legacy of **BARBARA LOUISE NELSON-MCCRIMMON**. May the memories of her love, faith, and devotion be cherished always and continue to fill the hearts of her many loved ones.

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October 19, 2024