

Commemorating 52nd Anniversary for Hampton Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 52nd anniversary of the founding of Hampton Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. In August of 1973, Bishop Dr. Sidney L. Hampton, II, along with several other members organized the Hampton Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in honor and remembrance of his father, Reverend Dr. Sidney Louis Hampton, Sr., a nationally renowned pastor. The first service was held with twenty-two people at the current location, 15100 Fenkell in Detroit, Michigan. In 1979, the church's congregation raised \$300,000 for a new building. One year later, they broke ground and completed construction in 1980; **AND**

WHEREAS, For 52 years, the church has been providing spiritual guidance and service to its congregation and throughout neighborhoods in northwest Detroit. In 1975, the church opened and then operated a day care center for more than thirty (30) years. The church has since purchased and began rehabilitating an auxiliary building for educational and community outreach purposes. Annually HMMBC serves three hundred and fifty to five hundred families through its Community Pantry, a partnership with Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners Community Food Bank. Other programs include an outreach ministry for senior citizens, student scholarships, Substance Abuse Counseling, Teen Mentoring, a bowling league, youth latchkey, prison ministry, adult day care, youth and senior job training, and fighting against human trafficking in Detroit; **AND**

WHEREAS This milestone is a testament to all who have contributed to the church's mission and ministry. The City of Detroit memorialized the impact of HMMBC with the installation of a Secondary Street Sign installed along Fenkell Avenue from Greenfield Road to Hubbell Avenue honoring Bishop Dr. Sidney L. Hampton, II. The city continues to honor the legacy of the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to the future with faith and expectation; **AND NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That on this day, Sunday, March 23, 2025, President Pro Tempore James E. Tate, Jr., and the Detroit City Council celebrate the 52nd Anniversary of Hampton Memorial Baptist Church and commend its leadership and members for their continued dedication to faith and service.