

# Testimonial Resolution

## Bishop Edgar L Vann, II

Senior Pastor, Visionary and Phenomenal Man of God

### The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Council Member At-Large Recognizes the 46<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary of Bishop Edgar L. Vann, II

- WHEREAS:** *Bishop Edgar L. Vann, II is a Phenomenal Man of God whose name rises to the top when leadership is discussed in Detroit and beyond. A major contributor to the greater good for his church, Second Ebenezer, the city of Detroit, and communities around the world., he knew, as a child growing up in his father's small church, that inspiring personal growth and transformational change to both faith-based and secular audiences across the globe was his calling and has carried forth the legacy of his father who was a noted religious leader in Detroit for over 50 years that "community starts with an empowered people"; and*
- WHEREAS** *Bishop Edgar L. Vann, II has served as Senior Pastor of Second Ebenezer Church for 46 years, growing the congregation from 66 to 6000 members and through faith, discernment and hard work, was able to invest \$25 million into the 15-acre site on Detroit's northeast side for a new and beautiful worship center with over 20 ministries. He was elevated to the Office of Bishop in 2008 by the Joint College of African American Bishops and is now the Presiding Prelate over the Kingdom Alliance Covenant Fellowship; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Bishop Edgar L. Vann, II is careful to focus his volunteer leadership on organizations that contribute to the overall health and wellness of people and their communities. Bishop Edgar L. Vann, II and his church have invested nearly \$90M into community and economic development, job placement and training, community health and criminal justice programs. He works diligently with federal, state, and local law enforcement as well as circuit and district courts to give non-violent fugitives a second chance by hosting **Fugitive Safe Surrender**. He is the visionary behind **EbSource**, an entity that facilitates job placement and training, and is also known for his partnership with "**Feed the Children**" that has feed over 25,000 people in Detroit; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Bishop Edgar L. Vann, II founded the **Vanguard Community Development Corporation** in 1995 to strengthen the Northeast area of Detroit which has invested more than \$63 million in redeveloped housing and commercial property in Northeast Detroit. This includes 206 homes in Detroit's Historic North End, and a state-of-the-art senior citizen complex. **Vanguard Community Development Corporation** is partnering with **Avanath Development** to construct a \$40 plus million multi-family, mixed-income project called North End Landing, the first major new rental construction development in the North End in years; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Bishop Edgar L. Vann, II sits on various imperative Boards of Directors that support Detroiters such as Henry Ford Health System, Downtown Detroit Partnership, Vanguard Community Development Corporation, The Mayor's Workforce Development Board, EVM Enterprises and Edgar L. Vann & Associates. He is the Chairperson of both Habitat for Humanity Detroit and University YES Academy. He is married to Pastor Sheila R. Vann and father to a son, Edgar III and a daughter, Ericka.. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED:** *The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Council Member At-Large #1 along with the entire Honorable Detroit City Council celebrate the 46<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary of Bishop Edgar L. Vann II. WE applaud your dedicated years of service, love and excellence to your congregation and community. WE Thank YOU for YOUR service to The People of Detroit.*

  
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Sunday, March 26, 2023

*Presented during the 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at Second Ebenezer Church, Detroit Michigan*