

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING FAITH TABERNACLE  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
ON ITS 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church was founded in 1946 and under the leadership of the late Reverend William Lee Baxter, held its first services in the Elks' Hall, on Mission Street in Stamford, Connecticut before moving, the following Sunday, to its new and permanent building at the corner of Brook Street and Greyrock Place, Stamford, Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Reverend Baxter, the congregation raised the funds to purchase the facility at Brook Street and Greyrock Place, within 30 days, and also raised funds for suitable living quarters for the pastor and his family adjacent to the church, growing from 300 members to 700 members in its first year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church has a history of commitment to the community, including the establishment of a credit union for Faith Tabernacle members and their families in 1956; and spearheading the construction of almost 290 units of moderate income housing at New Hope Towers and Coleman Towers sponsored by New Hope, Inc., work begun under the pastorate of Dr. Rafe Taylor, Sr. and completed by the Reverend Samuel L. White; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1977, as a reflection of its outreach philosophy, the Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church changed its name to the Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church; and, under the leadership of Reverend White, continued its service to the community, including the establishment of the Faith Day Care Association, support for the William E. Edwards Annual College Tour, the Food Program, and the Annie M. Davis Scholarship; and

**WHEREAS**, in June, 1997, the Reverend Dr. Tommie Jackson became pastor of the Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, and under Dr. Jackson's leadership the church has continued and expanded its service to the entire Stamford community through its many programs of outreach, including a food pantry, clothing closet and emergency rental and utility assistance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives extends its best wishes and congratulations to Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church as it celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*Approved by the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2016*

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Randall M. Skigen, President

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk