

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC 17-0315-10**

Date of Adoption **MAR. 15, 2017**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY ON THE BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH BY

Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER **FREDERIC** SECONDED BY **JONES**

RESOLUTION OF COMMEMORATION REVEREND RODGER J. HARRIS 9TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY MT. HERMON BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the Irvington Municipal Council wishes to acknowledge and commend Reverend Rodger J. Harris on his 9th Pastoral Anniversary at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Irvington NJ; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Rodger J. Harris is the fifth pastor of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church. Pastor Harris assignment began 10 years ago at the request of then pastor the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Ford. Rev. Harris began his assignment assisting Dr. Ford with various task which included preaching and working with youth ministry. In August 2007 Rev. Harris was called as the fifth pastor upon the retirement of Pastor Ford in October 2007; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Harris was officially installed as Pastor on March 1, 2008 and since becoming Senior Pastor of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church the emphasis was to maintain the level of pastoral excellence that Dr. Ford had laid and "to live love everyday"; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Harris has a vision of empowering the church so that it would meet spiritual and physical needs the congregation and the community of Irvington. Pastor Harris has introduced new outreach ministries that includes partnership with local social service agencies such as Interfaith Hospitality Network that assists families who are temporarily homeless and in need of shelter. Hour of Power midweek Bible study and prayer was established that also provides a bag lunch; and the "Mountain Dew" early morning prayer line conference call. Vacation Bible School was started that ministers to local youth and a Children's Sunday school class is available which is taught by First Lady Michelle; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Harris is lifelong resident of Newark, NJ. He was educated in East Orange, NJ and graduate of former Clifford J. Scott High School. He received his BSW in Social Work from Kean University. He attended the New York Theological Seminary and received a Master's Degree in Theological Studies. Pastor Harris has completed the Nehemiah Leadership conclave, a four year training for young pastors in American Baptist Churches; was a Black Theology Leadership Institute Fellow at Princeton Theological Seminary, July 2015. He is currently pursuing doctoral studies at New Brunswick Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Harris' entire career has been focused on the homeless, youth and the mentally ill. He has worked at several institutions and is currently a Social Worker at the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby congratulates Reverend Rodger J. Harris and joins his congregation in celebration of his dedication in serving as Reverend of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Municipal Council in lasting tribute to Reverend Rodger J. Harris for his devotion to the Church and to God.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

X = Indicates Vote

N.V. = No Vote

A.B. = Absent

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.
BURGESS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	X				INMAN	X			
COX	X				JONES, 2ND VICEPRESIDENT	X			
FREDERIC	X				LYONS, PRESIDENT	X			
DR. HUDLEY	X								

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL *D. Lyons* MUNICIPAL CLERK *Shelly H...* DATE **MAR. 15, 2017**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Municipal Council. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Township of Irvington.

MUNICIPAL CLERK *Shelly H...*

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