

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

West Mitchell Street C.M.E. Church's history goes back to 1882, at the 15th session of the Georgia Annual Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, December 13-18, at Trinity C.M.E. Church in Augusta, Georgia, where a motion was approved that each charge be assessed two ½ cents "for the church at Atlanta", the same to be raised quarterly and forwarded to Bishop L. H. Holsey; and



WHEREAS,

by 1891, the West Atlanta Mission had become a station charge, named West Mitchell Street Colored Methodist Episcopal Church; and



WHEREAS,

West Mitchell has been led by many Pastors over the years, most recently led by Dr. Manuel Henderson, Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin, and in July of 2019, Dr. Herman "Skip" Mason was appointed as Pastor; and



WHEREAS,

during Pastor Mason's tenure, the Covid 19 pandemic hit, and the church successfully transformed to a virtual worship experience and reached audiences throughout the country and world; Pastor Mason also began to host a weekly show called *CME Conversations*; and



WHEREAS,

Pastor Mason and the West Mitchell family have fully embraced the new normal and is poised to continue worshipping and serving God in and outside of the church well into the future;



WHEREAS,

West Mitchell Street C.M.E. Church's goal was to become a viable urban Christian witness for the C.M.E. church; they have come far through faith and have faced great challenges throughout the church's history, acknowledging that through these challenges, God has blessed the church and made it strong;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners congratulates Pastor Mason and the congregation of West Mitchell C.M.E. Church for 140 years of ministry and service to the community, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, November 13, 2022 as "**WEST MITCHELL STREET C.M.E. CHURCH APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County,



Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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