

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS,*



Pastor Troy Sanders' relationship with the divine began when he was a toddler, preaching on the front porch of his home in Denmark, South Carolina, and as he grew, so did his yearning and zeal for spiritual things, resulting in a life-long ministry designed to affect the lives of youth and adults; and

*WHEREAS,*



Pastor Sanders relocated to Atlanta in 1993 and graduated from Southwest DeKalb High School in 1995 with honors; in 2001, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Beulah Heights University in Atlanta as the class valedictorian; and

*WHEREAS,*



Pastor Sanders earned a dual Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degree at the Interdenominational Theological Center in 2008, followed by a Clinical Pastoral Education Residency as a Chaplain at Emory University Hospital; he is currently completing the coursework and clinical residency for his Doctor of Theology in Pastoral Counseling from Interdenominational Theological Center; and

*WHEREAS,*



Pastor Sanders served as the first Assistant Pastor at The Victory for the World Church under the leadership of Senior Pastor, Dr. Kenneth L. Samuel; he is the Episcopal Liaison for the Greater Atlanta Area and serves the Executive Committee of The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, under the leadership of Bishop Yvette Flunder; and

*WHEREAS,*



Pastor Sanders is a highly sought after workshop presenter providing thought-provoking dialogue and training across the country on Homosexuality In The Bible and issues that LGBTQ people face while on the journey of reconciling their spirituality and sexuality; he led a group of lesbian and gay families into mega churches across the nation to have non-combative dialogue with religious leaders around homophobia in the church and ways in which we can address the abuse affecting the LGBTQ community;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, in commemoration of Black Gay Pride Weekend, recognizes Pastor Troy Sanders for his commitment to the spiritual enrichment of all citizens, and does hereby proclaim Friday, September 2, 2022 as "**PASTOR TROY SANDERS APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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