

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Reverend Gregory A. Sutton was called to the pastorate of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church in December 1970 at the age of 18, and in January of 1971, he was officially installed to begin his pastoral duties with nearly 85 members and approximately \$300 in the church treasury; and



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WHEREAS,

under Reverend Sutton's leadership, Jackson Memorial Baptist Church has grown to become one of the leading churches in the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, and the nation, hosting funerals for fallen Peace Officers, First Responders, and Public Officials; and



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WHEREAS,

Reverend Sutton and his growing congregation, by the Grace of God and many prayers, realized a larger church and after raising \$100,000 to demonstrate its borrowing worth, the current church location at 534 Fairburn Road came to fruition; and



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WHEREAS,

on February 9, 1986, Jackson Memorial Baptist Church members and friends, along the Mayor of Atlanta and local public officials, came together to witness the church mortgage burning ceremony, and on May 2, 2004, Rev. Sutton led a motorcade procession of his congregation to Jackson Memorial Baptist Church after a year-long restoration of the church's edifice; and



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WHEREAS,

Rev. Sutton has continued to lead his congregation, despite the COVID-19 pandemic that kept worshippers apart physically, but not spiritually; he led his congregation through virtual services and worship via streaming on Facebook, YouTube, and virtual calls during Sunday School, Bible Study, Noon Day Bible Study, Wednesday Cooperate Prayer, and Thursday Night Deacon's Call;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Rev. Gregory A. Sutton for his dedication and commitment to his congregation's spiritual wellness, and celebrates with him and his church family on the occasion of his 52nd Pastoral Anniversary, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, October 9, 2022 as "**REV. GREGORY A. SUTTON APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



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Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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