

# Proclamation

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In 1922, God gave a few devout men and women a vision to meet in a vacant store on the corner of McDaniel and Berckle Streets in the Pittsburgh community of Atlanta and commence a neighborhood mission whereby they held Bible reading and prayer meetings; and

under the leadership of the church's first pastor of record, Isaac T. Turner, New Hope purchased a dwelling at 771 Coleman Street and converted it into a church; and

under the leadership of Reverend Robert Nathaniel Martin, who served for forty-six (46) years, New Hope Baptist Church of Atlanta grew in Christian service; and

in 1956, New Hope moved to 236 Richardson Street, a Mechanicsville church, and continued its involvement in church and civic organizations; and

in 1991, Reverend Dennis J. Byrd began his pastorate and extended the church's mission through various ministries; and

in 2002, under the leadership of Reverend James Linwood Fields, the congregation rose to new heights of Christian service and community involvement through the expansion and enhancement of New Hope's outreach activities for both youth and adults, and implemented the God given vision: "To Build Christ-Centered Communities that will Devoutly Love, Follow, and Model Christ"; and

in 2018, Pastor Camile Holmes, commenced his pastorate and continues the church's mission in bringing men, women and children into a saving and redemptive relationship as disciples of Jesus Christ and empowering all to grow into the disciples that God created them to be; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends and congratulates the congregation of New Hope Baptist Church for their commitment to spiritual leadership, and celebrates with them on the occasion of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, March 20, 2022 as "**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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