

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,**

In 1902, when Butler Street and West Mitchell were the only C.M.E. churches in Atlanta, a group of pioneering Christians from Butler Street Church expanded the CME Church connection by organizing a new church named Holsey Temple, named after Bishop L.H. Holsey; and



**WHEREAS,**

the new congregation first worshipped in a store front on Edgewood Avenue and Fort Street, and then relocated to a larger building on Edgewood Avenue and Randolph Street; and



**WHEREAS,**

the members constructed a new building on the corner of Boulevard and Chamberlin Street, completing construction in 1914 with capacity seating for 300, two front entrances, and stained glass windows; and



**WHEREAS,**

the church's present location was established in 1964 and formal opening services were held on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> of that year; and



**WHEREAS,**

Holsey Temple C.M.E.'s first pastor was Rev. A.A. Irving, who began a legacy of outstanding messengers of God's Holy teachings, including the current Pastor and Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. Jerry D. Woodfork, Sr.; and



**WHEREAS,**

Holsey Temple C.M.E. has seen many major milestones over the past 120 years, including welcoming the first female Pastor, Rev. Pansy Washington, the re-establishment of a vibrant and active Bible Study, the establishment of the Saturday breakfast, a partnership with B.E.S.T. Academy and John Lewis Invictus Academy, and other partnerships with local elementary schools;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners congratulates the Pastor and congregation of Holsey C.M.E. Church for 120 years of ministry and service to the community, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, September 25, 2022 as "**HOLSEY TEMPLE C.M.E. CHURCH 120<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

**Fulton County Board of Commissioners**

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Chair to the Commission

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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