

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Bishop James H. Morton, Sr. was born on Wednesday, May 8, 1946 the fourth of nine children to Bishop C.L. Morton, Sr. and Evangelist Matilda Morton in Windsor, Ontario, Canada; and



WHEREAS,

Bishop Morton answered the call to preach the Gospel in 1968, and on Sunday, June 16th of that same year, he preached his first sermon at Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ in Detroit, Michigan; and



WHEREAS,

Bishop Morton became the Pastor of the True Faith Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan in 1970 and served there until 1984; he relocated to Atlanta, Georgia in 1984 and assumed the Pastorate of Thankful Baptist Church until 1993 when he founded the New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church; and



WHEREAS,

Bishop Morton was well known for his musical talents, beginning as Minister of Music at his father's church, later serving as music director for Rev. C.L. Franklin, and lending his vocal gift on collaborations with Aretha Franklin, Rev. James Cleveland, and many others; and



WHEREAS,

Bishop Morton leaves to cherish his memory his sons, James, III and Jason, his daughter, Kimberly, his grandchildren, and a host of extended family and friends;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Bishop James H. Morton, Sr. for a life of integrity and dedication to his family, friends, and church, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, February 25, 2023 as "**BISHOP JAMES H. MORTON, SR. REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Chairman

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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