

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ECC IN THE CITY OF CREST HILL

WHEREAS, the Congregation was first organized on August 10, 1873 where members met in private homes, and in 1881 a Church building was erected at 410 East Clay Street in Joliet, and for many years served as the center of the ministry; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1939, the American Sunday School Union began a ministry among the children in the Richland area, which eventually became known as the Six Corners Chapel and this ministry was turned over to the Evangelical Covenant Church in 1957, and the new ministry in the Richland area assumed the name of the Calvary Covenant Church and in 1962 erected the present church structure located at 2437 Plainfield Road; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 1970, the Calvary Covenant Church and the First Covenant Church merged to become the Church of the Good Shepherd Evangelical Covenant Church and on July 6, 1999 under the leadership of Pastor David Green, the Church of the Good Shepherd and its property annexed into the City of Crest Hill; and


WHEREAS, the Church of the Good Shepherd has built a legacy of service and support to many Crest Hill residents and its surrounding communities in aiding and guiding their spiritual lives and has been an integral part of the Congregation's lives for many years and has been and will continue to be a gathering place that has formed many new friendships, filled with life long memories, over many generations; and

WHEREAS, the Church of the Good Shepherd, under the leadership of Pastor Jason Bradley, will celebrate its 150th Anniversary on the weekend of September 8-10, 2023, with a theme of Prayer, Partnership, and Promise and will celebrate God's faithfulness through all generations on the celebratory weekend of their Anniversary.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Raymond R. Soliman by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Crest Hill, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 10, 2023** be observed as **THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ECC DAY** in the City of Crest Hill and congratulate its Congregation on the celebration of its 150th Anniversary and encourage all citizens to salute them for their efforts, accomplishments and service to the residents of the City of Crest Hill.

Given under my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Crest Hill this 5th day of September, 2023.




Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor
City of Crest Hill