

RESOLUTION 24-12

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF BISHOP STEPHEN A. THOMAS TO THE CITY OF DALTON

WHEREAS, The Reverend Doctor Stephen A. Thomas (“Bishop Thomas”) served Community Fellowship Church in the City of Dalton for almost forty years; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas was a founder of the Community Fellowship Church of Ministries Outreach Program, which included such programs as the Bethlehem House of Bread, Youth Ministries, Music Ministries, and other outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas was a founder of the Northwest Georgia College of Theology, an extension of the North Carolina College of Theology; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas served for many years on the Dalton Parks and Recreation Commission, including extensive service as the chair of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas was an integral part of the creation of the Mack Gaston Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas was a founding member of the Concerned Clergy of Whitfield County; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas loved this community and was a proud member of the Dalton High School Class of 1980; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas was a community leader who worked tirelessly to better the lives of the citizens of Dalton; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who served as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas served as a mentor to other pastors and to numerous citizens of this community; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas exemplified service and left a great legacy of serving this community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton have determined that Bishop Thomas and the legacy that he has left the community are worthy of high honor and recognition;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton hereby recognize the great contributions of Bishop Thomas to the City of Dalton;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton hereby dedicate the portion of Meeting Street from Underwood Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in memory of Bishop Dr. Stephen A. Thomas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof of the City of Dalton in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon their adoption.

SO RESOLVED, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA

Annalee Sams
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

City Clerk