



RESOLUTION

FROM THE DESK OF THE
EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Recognition of The Eden Missionary Baptist Church's 150th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Eden Missionary Baptist Church was organized on April 12, 1872 by Reverend Inman E. Bryant, one of the founding fathers of the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Association, and Reverend J. G. Norris, Pastor of Powers Baptist Church of Eden and;

WHEREAS, prior to the organization of the church individuals of various races fellowshiped at the Powers Baptist Church and;

WHEREAS, Reverend Inman E. Bryant and Reverend J.G. Norris bravely assembled a church council consisting of sixteen members and was instrumental in building the first church for blacks in the community on a site in Eden and;

WHEREAS, the church served as the black community worship center and school for many years until its replacement in 1905 due to the growing congregation and;

WHEREAS, after the church was destroyed by fire in 1914 a new church was reconstructed by the members, and worship continued at this location for 88 years. In 1960 a ground breaking ceremony was held at the church's current site on Dogwood Way, with the first worship service in this building taking place on May 28, 1961;

THEREFORE, a celebratory event will be held on June 5, 2022 to observe the founding of the Church and now;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia to join the Eden Missionary Baptist Church family in celebrating this 150th year commemoration of the Eden Missionary Baptist Church. We further honor the forefathers and foremothers who so graciously laid the foundation to establish this edifice of refuge and pillar of comfort for the Eden community.

Humbly submitted this 4th day of April, in the Year of our Lord, 2022.

Wesley Corbitt - Chairman

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