



CITY OF
FORESTPARK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Bishop Paul L. Fortson, an Atlanta native, graduated with honors from George Washington Carver High School and received a Band Scholarship to Morris Brown College. He served three years in the United States Army as a Pay Specialist, including two years in Germany; and

WHEREAS: Bishop Fortson is married to Carolyn C. Fortson, and they celebrated 54 years on March 29th, 2023. They have two sons, Elder/Dr. Paul Quentin Fortson and Elder Mark Kevin Fortson, AA, BS; and

WHEREAS: Bishop Fortson accepted his call to the Ministry in 1975. He was ordained an Elder in the Church of God in Christ in 1977, and he started his pastoral journey when he organized the First Carrollton Mission Church of God in Christ in Carrollton, GA. In 1984, he was directed by the Lord to organize Paradise Church of God in Christ, located at 4234 Hendrix Drive, Forest Park, GA. 30297, where he has been since 1984; and

WHEREAS: Bishop Fortson has worked alongside and with the Forest Park Ministers Association, has birthed several projects and relationships throughout the city, provided food for the community, and has been consistent with “Keep Forest Park Clean”; and

WHEREAS: Bishop Fortson received a Leadership and Service Proclamation from the City of Forest Park in 1992 and 2009; he was also awarded the Living Legend Award from the Forest Park Ministers Association in 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Forest Park Governing Body hereby proclaims that Hendrix Drive shall henceforth be dedicated as Bishop Paul L. Fortson Drive in honor of Bishop Paul L. Fortson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable sign be erected at Hendrix Drive to mark this dedication and to serve as a reminder to all who pass by of the contributions of Bishop Paul L. Fortson to our community; and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand on this 5th day of August 2024 and have caused the Official Seal of the great City of Forest Park to be affixed hereto:

Angelyne Butler, MPA
Mayor

Councilmember Kimberly James
Ward 1

Councilmember Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2



Councilmember Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3

Councilmember Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Councilmember Allan Mears
Ward 5