

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** The City of Lake Worth Beach is home to many worship centers, places of faith and spirituality that represent all our community; where first church services started in the streets of Washington Ave and Douglas Street; and
- WHEREAS,** “Rev” Anderson, an un-ordained minister, led church services for the “native black” community on Douglas Street starting in 1927. The wooden shacks with which they held services was destroyed by a storm in 1928; and
- WHEREAS,** “Rev” Anderson was gifted \$1.50 from the white family which he worked, to purchase the land he and the community needed to rebuild the church. Anderson and the members completed the one-room wooden structure in 1929, officially naming Grant Methodist Church; and
- WHEREAS,** Grant Chapel was led by “Rev” Anderson until 1940 when Rev J.B. Blake became pastor, followed by Rev. H.M. Salmon who led the efforts to build a new concrete building, which became reality on April 7, 1944; and
- WHEREAS,** The church grew numerically and spiritually; by 1947 the church held two services, Sunday School and A.C.E League as well as music lessons for the children, some of which are still members of the church; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1963, Grant Chapel was remodeled under the leadership of Rev. James Askiew with minor upgrades made since its completion as well as additional parking for future growth; and
- WHEREAS,** There have been over 24 Pastors who have led this great church over its 95 years, including its first female Pastor, Rev. Betty White; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Lake Worth Beach City Commission acknowledges the importance of the church as a cornerstone to the Osborne Community and its positive impact to the city; and
- WHEREAS,** The 95th Anniversary Celebration of Grant Chapel affords us an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of Grant Chapel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Betty Resch, Mayor of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby congratulate Grant Chapel on their 95th Anniversary and recognize the contributions to our city and the lives of our residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 1st day of October, 2024.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk