

**54<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
GREATER ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**WHEREAS**, the Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Greater St. Paul was organized by the late Reverend Moses Lee, Sr. on October 3, 1964 in the basement of his home at 1252 Goodfellow Blvd; and

**WHEREAS**, during their formative years the church continued to grow and soon outgrew the basement of 1252 Goodfellow. On November 23, 1964, Greater St. Paul moved to 6117 Page Blvd. until the church was forced to leave this location because of scheduled demolition of Skinker Blvd. The St. Joseph M.B. Church located on Leffingwell in the City of St. Louis graciously opened their doors to the Greater St. Paul members to worship with them; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1975 Reverend Lee along with Sister Drewsilla Lee and Mother Lesia Adams located a new location for their church at 5503 Gilmore Avenue. The dedication service was held on Sunday, February 16, 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1985 Greater St. Paul was making great strides. A program to raise money to pay off the church's mortgage was brought forth by Sister Helen Franklin. The program was a success, which afforded the church to upgrade the choir stand, new chairs were purchased, and a Pastor's study and finance office were built; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Moses Lee, Sr. was called home to be with God on Saturday, September 17, 1988. The members carried on for 2 years without a pastor until the Reverend Duane D. Burch was elected as on April 29, 1990. He left Greater St. Paul after serving six years to accept a pastor position in White Sulfur Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, Greater St. Paul was blessed when Reverend T.D. Irving was elected the new pastor on December 22, 1996. He established a building fund and encouraged members to donate. On May 19, 2001 the groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new expansion. On June 2, 2013 another new addition to the church body was complete; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 5, 2016 Greater St. Paul was heavily damaged by fire. Pastor Irving organized a crew with members who started the cleanup and packing items that could be kept. On January 2, 2017 the members were able to return to their Sanctuary. The history of this church will always be a great example to other churches in that they continue their trust in God.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to mark the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, and recognize the St. Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church for its continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2018, by:

**The Honorable Pam Boyd, Alderwoman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this 2nd day of November 2018, as attested by:

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Louis Galli  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen