

RESOLUTION NO. 110
Bishop Debora Ann Morris

WHEREAS, Bishop Debora Ann Morris was born in the city of St. Louis to the Rev. Charles and Evangelist Elmira Morris; she spent her youth as a musician and singer in the St. Douglas Primitive Baptist Church; as a young woman she was led by the Spirit of God to the St. Michael's Temple of the Expanded Mind in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Morris, while under the leadership of Archbishop Michael A. West Sr. and the St. Michaels United Spiritual Churches of Christ Inc., was consecrated as a missionary in 1972; she was called into the ministry and was ordained in 1974; Dr. Morris served faithfully as the Assistant Pastor of St. Michael's Temple and then was consecrated to the Office of Bishop in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Debora A. Morris has shown her personal and spiritual commitment to the Lord by virtue of 15 years of spiritual leadership and guidance to her congregation and the community of St. Louis and surrounding area as Pastor of Willing Workers' Christian Redeeming Spiritual Church; her ministry of 41 years includes the whole person from birth to death; she has led many souls to Christ; under her ministry many members have rededicated themselves to Christ through her hard work, inspiration, and enthusiasm as a spirit-filled Pastor; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Debora A. Morris, as a strong community leader, has supported many city programs and activities that focus on education and the greater needs of the St. Louis community; in proclaiming the Word of God, Bishop Morris has traveled and ministered throughout the United States, Israel, Jordan, Switzerland, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, the Bahamas and many other places; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Morris has demonstrated her scholastic ability, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Bible Philosophy, Master of Arts in Religious Education, Doctorate of Divinity, as well as a Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate of Advance Cosmetology studies; and

WHEREAS, she has been a Master Hair Designer for 41 years and was the Proprietor of the Touch of Gold Hair Care Center in the City of St. Louis for over 22 years; she is a member of the Midwest Hair Designers Guild, The Missouri State Cosmetologist and Barbers Association, and the National Beauty Cultures League; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that salute Bishop Debora A. Morris for her outstanding contributions and faithfulness to the Willing Worker's Christian Redeeming Spiritual Church and the Metropolitan Greater St. Louis Community. 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 to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 9th day of September, 2016, by:

The Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted the 9th day of September, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen