

RESOLUTION NUMBER 224
53rd Annual Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc.

WHEREAS, in November 1961 at the Zion Baptist church in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Rev. J. Raymond Henderson, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles, presided over a meeting where 33 delegates from 14 states responded to a letter sent by the Rev. L. Venchael Booth, resulting in the first Progressive National Baptist Convention, at which the Rev. T. M. Chambers was elected as its first president; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. (PNBC) was to transform the traditional African American Baptist Convention, as well as society, and is now a vital Baptist denomination with an estimated membership of 2.5 million people with a national headquarters in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the formation of the convention was wrapped up in the civil rights movement and was begun by civil rights leaders such as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who persevered with humility as they faced racism and violence during the freedom movement for African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, new generations of Progressive Baptists have continued the struggle for full voter registration, education, and participation; for affirmative action against all forms of racism and bigotry; for Black economic empowerment and development; for equal educational opportunity; for freedom of religion; for the abolition of South African apartheid; and for the realization of universal human rights and total human liberation; and

WHEREAS, the vice president, the Rev. Dr. E. G. Shields Jr., and the officers and members of the Midwest region have embodied its founding principles of Fellowship, Progress, Service, and Peace, we welcome all members to the City of St Louis, Missouri, for the 53rd annual session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the significant contributions and dedication of the Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc.; its national president, the Rev. Dr. James C. Perkins; and its general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Timothy Tee Boddie. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that we may present it to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor

Introduced on the 30th day of March, 2016, by:

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, St. Louis Board of Aldermen
The Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderwoman, 4th Ward

Adopted this the 30th day of March, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen