

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 23
HONORING BISHOP LAWRENCE M. WOOTEN**

WHEREAS, we pause today in our deliberations to recognize and honor Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten for his commitment and contributions to the City of St. Louis as Pastor of Williams Temple for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Bishop Lawrence Wooten was appointed Bishop of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Eastern Missouri and Western Illinois, overseeing forty ministries; today we celebrate his twenty years of service when he answered the call to lead and guide its thousands of members; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Lawrence Wooten, dedicated to the residents of the City, deliberately organized an inner-city ministry with over 50 outreach programs, including Drug Rehabilitation, Health and Nutrition, an award-winning GED program, Housing, Literacy, and Management classes, Feed the Hungry program, an Adult Daycare, Family Life Center Recreation Complex, and Family & Marital Counseling, and more programs serving to uplift the community; and

WHEREAS, as Bishop of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Eastern Missouri and Western Illinois, he has secured funding for education, housing, and medical needs for over thirty orphans in Uganda East Africa; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Lawrence Wooten serves as the President of Ecumenical Leadership Council of Missouri and as a member of the Black Caucus; under his leadership Bishop Wooten was involved in several community improvement projects within St. Louis; as demonstrated by his efforts to rehabilitate the properties surrounding the intersection of Union Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Bishop Lawrence Wooten was elected to the General Board of the Church of God In Christ, serving 6.5 million members, and this year, he was appointed to the position of Secretary for the Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the numerous accomplishments, appointments, and good deeds performed by Bishop Lawrence Wooten for over forty years in the City of St. Louis. 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 memorial copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 26th day of June, 2020 by:

The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 26th day of June, 2020 as attested by

**Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

**Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen**