

RESOLUTION NUMBER 27
COMMEMORATING THE MOUNT ESTHER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
95TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Mount Esther Missionary Baptist Church will be commemorating its 95th church anniversary on Sunday, April 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the first day of the month of May, 1924, the Mount Esther Missionary Baptist Church, was erected for 15 years with nine Pastors; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, Rev. LC Richmond was called to Pastor for 43 years of Leadership. Unity of the church members and surrounding community was a priority; and

WHEREAS, many activities were implemented, such as the fun fairs in July, church and community picnics, church trips were taken to show how other parts of the country lived and the States Rally, which instilled leadership and knowledge of the states who represented Black History month; and

WHEREAS, Mount Esther was a hub for family reunions and served as a voting precinct for a portion of the 4th ward. It was an underground railroad that elevated and promoted some of today's pastors, musicians, promoters, radio personalities, and educators; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Anderson, became pastor in June of 1984. The church's motto became "Church on the Move". Under his pastoral ship, leadership training became a priority and lead to membership with the Berean District Association where all members were able to attend at no extra cost; and

WHEREAS, to reach the community near and far, the Trinity Sunrise Services was developed to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All previous activities for members and community were improved and still implemented; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the pulpit elected a new Pastor, Edward Morgan. Pastor Morgan continued with the growth of the church which brought in members with a renewed mind. Still reaching beyond the walls with women's ministry, men's ministry, youth ministry, and single's ministry. All the ministries provide support and encouragement, physically and spiritually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join the community, congregation, and alumni from all over to celebrate Mount Esther Missionary Baptist Church's 95th Church Anniversary and to recognize the impact of the church and its commitment to serving the 4th Ward community as well as 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 to Mount Esther Missionary Baptist Church at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 26th day of April, 2019 by:
Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman 4th Ward**

Adopted this 26th day of April, 2019 as attested by

Terry Kennedy

Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed

President, Board of Aldermen