

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church on its 158th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1865 and will on Sunday, November 12, 2023, celebrate the 158th anniversary of its founding and of its service to the people of the Town of Beaufort and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church's historic location at 405 Cedar Street was a part of the Town's National Nomination and was listed in Beaufort's National Historic District in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church has over the years served as a beacon of community leadership and spiritual uplifting and of guidance and counsel for people of all ages even beyond its own membership, and has become a pillar of this community; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Curtis O. Donald Sr. the congregation of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church continues to be the spiritual home to a diverse and broad-reaching community, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Sharon Harker, Mayor of the Town of Beaufort, North Carolina, do hereby congratulate:

Mt. Zíon Missionary Baptist Church

on its 158th Anniversary in the Town of Beaufort, and recognize the church's contributions – past and present – in our community. I offer my sincere congratulations and best wishes on this milestone in its history.

I encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating the church leadership and its members for the great gift of fellowship, volunteerism, and community awareness that have helped strengthen the fabric of the Town of Beaufort.

Duly adopted this 12th day of November 2023.

Sharon E. Harker, Mayor Town of Beaufort, North Carolina