

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2025 –

WHEREAS, our community is blessed with many diverse organizations, including civic groups and places of worship, which are comprised of people joined together by the mission of showing love and concern for their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, established in 1861, **BETHLEHEM PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** celebrates its 164th Anniversary of continuous service on June 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Arthur St. Clair was **BETHLEHEM PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** first pastor; and

WHEREAS, **BETHLEHEM PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** in its 164 years of continuous worship, the church has had only ten pastors; and

WHEREAS, **BETHLEHEM PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** has been providing love and concern for our community through its work with the South Brooksville redevelopment, health workshops, tutoring, mentoring and focus on families; and

WHEREAS, **BETHLEHEM PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** is the oldest African American church in the City of Brooksville; and

WHEREAS, **BETHLEHEM PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** established the first school for African Americans in Hernando County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulate **BETHLEHEM PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** upon the occasion of its **164th Anniversary** which shall be commemorated on June 22, 2025.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to the wonderful people of **BETHLEHEM PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** for offering their love to the community through spreading the word of God and through its many compassionate acts of kindness.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 10th day of June 2025, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest:

Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

Brian Hawkins
Chairman

Steve Champion
Commissioner

Jerry Campbell
Vice Chairman

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Commissioner

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