



HONORING
BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
77TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, IN 1947, BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH IN OXNARD, CALIFORNIA WAS ORGANIZED UNDER THE PASTORAL LEADERSHIP OF REV. GEORGE GRANT, AND SHORTLY AFTER BECAME PART OF THE VENTURA CIRCUIT. BETHEL STARTED OUT WITH HUMBLE BEGINNINGS AND CONTINUED TO FLOURISH; AND

WHEREAS, BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH OF OXNARD, AS IT IS CURRENTLY KNOWN, WORSHIPPED IN HOMES, OFFICE SPACE AT THE HOUSING PROJECT AT EAST FIFTH STREET, THE USO BUILDING ON 7TH ST, AND A RENTED CHURCH BUILDING ON COLONIA ROAD UNTIL THEY HAD A PERMANENT LOCATION AT 3RD ST AND ROOSEVELT IN OXNARD; AND

WHEREAS, IN 1991 UNDER THE PASTORAL LEADERSHIP OF REV. JOHNNY CARLISLE, BETHEL MOVED TO ITS PRESENT LOCATION AT 855 S. F. STREET IN OXNARD; AND

WHEREAS, TODAY, BETHEL OFFERS SOME 13-PLUS MINISTRIES FOR ITS CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. BETHEL HAS SERVED AS A MEETING LOCATION FOR MANY COMMUNITY GROUPS SUCH AS THE NAACP, ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY INCORPORATED, OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INCORPORATED, 20TH CENTURY ONYX CLUB, JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE, GET OUT TO VOTE CAMPAIGN, AND MANY OTHERS. ITS PAC PROGRAM TEACHES YOUNG PEOPLE HOW TO OPERATE DRONES. THE FOOD PANTRY MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THE CHURCH SERVES.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN HONORING BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH FOR ITS LONG AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, EXTENDS OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 77TH ANNIVERSARY, AND WISHES BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

PRESENTED ON THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2024

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CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT

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MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT

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