



Resolution  
of  
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County

Honoring

*Saint Paul Baptist Church 100th Year Anniversary as the First African American Church in Ventura County*

*Whereas*, the first edifice was at 3188 West Seventh Street, Oxnard, under the leadership of Pastor J.D. Pettigrew; and,  
*Whereas*, Rev. G.G. Bailey served as pastor from 1942 to 1944 and the first board of deacons was formed; and,  
*Whereas*, Rev. Jesse Walker served as pastor from 1944 to 1972. The board of Trustees was formed, and the Saint Paul was incorporate; and,  
*Whereas*, during this time Evening services were broadcast live from the sanctuary; and,  
*Whereas*, in January 1960 the edifice at 1354 South "C" Street, Oxnard. The first service was held on April 23, 1960. Church auxiliaries and ministries were organized and,  
*Whereas*, Rev. H.N. Edwards accepted the call to the ministry and was installed as Pastor of the Saint Paul Baptist Church; and,  
*Whereas*, Saint Paul became affiliated with the Progressive National Baptist Convention; and,  
*Whereas*, and, Saint Paul became involved and supported home and foreign missions' programs; and,  
*Whereas*, Dr. Broderick A. Huggins was installed as the Saint Paul Baptist Church on November 11, 1990. The church relocated to its current address 1777 Statham Blvd., Oxnard; and,  
*Whereas*, the new facility included a Family Life Center, Child Day Care Center and a Community Gym. During Pastor Huggins time he implemented an annual Family & Friends Weekend, a Wednesday Night Light program, Family Conference Seminars, Annual First Fruits Services, Children's Church Ministry, Evangelism and Community Outreach Programs.  
*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, County of Ventura Board of Supervisors expresses its extreme gratitude and appreciation to Saint Paul Baptist Church as they celebrate 100 years serving our communities in the County of Ventura.

*Presented on this 9th day of April 2019*

Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
Steve Bennett, First District

Linda Parks, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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