

RESOLUTION 10192029-01

A PROCLAMATION HONORING BISHOP JOEL PEEBLES, SR.

WHEREAS, Bishop Joel Peebles, Sr. is the youngest of three sons born to the late Bishop James Peebles and the late Apostle Betty Peebles, devoted Christian leaders whose faith and ministry established a lasting foundation of service, worship, and spiritual leadership; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Peebles was raised in a family deeply committed to Christian ministry and received the call to preach the Gospel at a young age, joining his father on weekly radio broadcasts in the late 1970s and beginning a lifelong journey of faith and service; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Peebles pursued his education in preparation for a life of leadership and ministry, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism and a Master of Arts degree from Bowie State University, as well as a Master of Divinity degree from Wilbur Henry Waters College, and was bestowed a Doctorate in Humane Letters from Breakthrough Bible College; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Peebles has dedicated more than two decades to preaching, ministry, and leadership at City of Praise, working to advance the vision established by his parents and serving on the church's Board of Trustees since 1997; and

WHEREAS, following the passing of his father, Bishop Peebles continued alongside his mother, Apostle Betty Peebles, to guide and care for the congregation, carrying forward the spiritual foundation and ministry established by his parents; and

WHEREAS, in August 2012, Bishop Joel Peebles was consecrated Pastor of City of Praise Church Ministries, continuing his commitment to providing spiritual guidance, compassionate leadership, and faithful service to the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Peebles has extended his commitment to service beyond the church through his leadership as President of the Board of the Center of Hope, a senior living community, demonstrating his dedication to improving the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Peebles is joined in life and ministry by his wife, Pastor Ylawnda Peebles, with whom he has counseled hundreds of couples and families and hosted the annual *Marry Me Again* marriage and family seminar; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joel and Pastor Ylawnda Peebles are the proud parents of four children, and together have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to faith, family, marriage, ministry, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joel Peebles, Sr., through his spiritual leadership, devotion to family, commitment to ministry, and service to others, represents the enduring values of faith, compassion, leadership, and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Monclova Township Board of Trustees recognizes and honors Bishop Joel Peebles, Sr. for his distinguished service, spiritual leadership, and lifelong commitment to faith, family, and community, and extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes as he continues his ministry and service to others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of Monclova Township to be affixed this 19th day of October 2026.

MONCLOVA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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