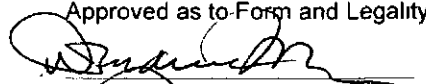


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PATRICIA KERNIGHAN

### RESOLUTION HONORING THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF WILLIAMS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH AND REV. DR. KENNETH ANDERSON

**WHEREAS**, Williams Chapel Baptist Church was organized in a storefront located at Fifth and Henry Street in March 1939 under the late Rev. Elmore Williams; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership originally consisted of 15 devoted Christians and grew exponentially between 1944-1951 so that the Church moved to the larger site of 303 Willow Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Williams was called home to be with the Lord in 1951, and the Rev. Clarence W. Griffin served as Pastor between 1951 and August 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. William Hayes served as interim Pastor until February 1967 when Rev. J.S. Smith was called to Pastor, merging the Damascus Baptist Church and the Williams Chapel Church during his tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Williams Chapel Baptist Church continued to experience much growth and community support, and moved to 1410 10th Ave under the leadership of Rev. J.S. Smith's successor, Dr. B. Columbus Hayward; and

**WHEREAS**, after serving as Assistant Pastor to Dr. H.L. Hudson, who served for 28 faithful years, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Anderson was chosen to be Pastor in July 2011 and has been a driving force ever since with several accomplished projects totaling a cost of over \$60,000; and

**WHEREAS**, recent Church projects have included painting of the church property and pavement of the parking lot, implementing a Smart Light Program, creating a new online Members Profile and Accounting system, engaging in a California Campus Recycling project, and holding an Outreach Ministry for the community and church members; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council commends Rev. Dr. Kenneth Anderson and the Williams Chapel Baptist Church and its congregation on the Diamond Jubilee and for their ongoing and continuing contributions to the spiritual and community life of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN,  
SCHAAF, REID AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -  
ABSENT -  
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of  
the City of Oakland, California