



City of Munford, Tennessee

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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

Proclamation Honoring Elder John Dixon

WHEREAS we have the pleasure of paying tribute to Elder John Dixon and join with Harris Chapel Church of God in Christ, family, friends, and colleagues to extend our congratulations on your anniversary, and

WHEREAS Elder John Dixon was born his life to Christ at an early age and following graduation from high school, he attended St. John's Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield, Missouri where he completed his studies and became licensed as a Registered Nurse. In 1973, he married Miss Arlene Solomon, the eldest daughter of Pastor Eddie L. and Mother Lula M. Solomon of Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, he joined the US Navy and he and Arlene embarked on a 30-year career that took them to multiple duty stations from coast to coast and over 10 years in Japan, Korea, and the Philippines. At each of these duty stations, Elder Dixon always found work to do in the local church and served the pastor and congregation as Sunday School teacher, YPWW teacher, District Sunday School Superintendent, Interim Pastor, and Jurisdictional Secretary among many other roles; and

WHEREAS He was ordained under the late Bishop J.A. Blake Sr in 1976 in Los Angeles, California. Completing several formal and informal Bible Studies at Sacramento Theological Seminary and Azusa Pacific University in Christian Education, he applied himself in ministry under Bishop Levi Willis Sr and Bishop G. Wesley Hardy Sr. at the Cathedral of Faith Church and School of Ministry in Chesapeake, VA; and

WHEREAS, retiring from the Navy in 2005 at the rank of Captain, he and his wife moved back to the Memphis area and rejoined his former church, Harris Chapel COGIC. Assisting Pastor Jimmie Harris in the local ministry, serving as Chairman of the Ministers Alliance, YPWW teacher, and working with the current project for building a new sanctuary, he yet finds time to work in the community with the American Red Cross, multiple Veterans organizations, and the Tennessee Nurses Association; and

WHEREAS, On 26 October 2018 he was appointed Pastor of Harris Chapel COGIC by Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Brandon B. Porter and an official installation service was held on 12 January 2019 in Jackson, TN. Strongly believing that God is not finished with him yet, he continues to teach and preach the gospel across the U.S. whenever and wherever the opportunity presents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dwayne Cole, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Munford, Tennessee, and on behalf of our governing body and all citizens, I do hereby express heartfelt gratitude for his contributions to our community and join with all citizens in honoring him and wishing good health, happiness, and continued success in his many endeavors.

Dated this 18th day of April 2021

Dwayne Cole, Mayor

Sherry Yelvington, Recorder