

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles was founded in 1872 by Bridget “Biddy” Mason, who received a vision from God to establish a church that would minister to the mind, body, and soul of all believers; and

**WHEREAS**, the First A.M.E Church in Los Angeles, was built on the foundation laid by Bishop Richard Allen in the City of Philadelphia in 1787 to serve the needs of African Methodists without discriminatory treatment during worship; and

**WHEREAS**, First A.M.E Church has over 19,000 members and several dozen ministries within 13 corporations; and

**WHEREAS**, the ‘leaders united their churches under the name of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church to oversee the governance of their churches beyond white ecclesiastical jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, over a century, the First A.M.E Church has assisted thousands of Los Angeles residents and strengthening communities by providing resources and much-needed services while upholding the mission and vision of its membership; and

**WHEREAS**, First A.M.E’s Food Pantry and the Sarah Allen Women’s Missionary Society provide low-income families with groceries on the fourth Saturday of each month and deliveries to the homebound and disabled seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, First A.M.E Church has been on the front lines providing free COVID-19 testing every Tuesday and Thursday since the start of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, First A.M.E Church has opened its doors to the City of Los Angeles, hosting the FAME Legal Clinic, Beyond the Walls, and other vital community support groups; and

**WHEREAS**, First A.M.E Church of Los Angeles’ Free Legal Clinic, in collaboration with Temple Isaiah, Public Counsel, and the UCLA School of Law, provides services to ‘low-income’ residents in the greater Los Angeles area on a non-discriminatory basis; and


**WHEREAS**, First A.M.E. Church stands as a vital religious institution and catalyst for exemplary service, community and discipleship in Los Angeles and a vehicle for the preaching and teaching of ethical, spiritual, and social values to our families:


JUN 15 2022.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council join in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church and acknowledge the outstanding dedication and service to the faith-based community and the residents of the City of Los Angeles.

**PRESENTED BY:**

  
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Councilmember, 8th District

  
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Councilmember, 10th District

**SECONDED BY:**

  
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