

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-572**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Pastor Willie Hinton will celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary on August 23, 2015, at West Mastin Lake Baptist Church; and,

**WHEREAS**, Willie Hinton was born in Phoenix, Illinois and was the tenth of twelve children. He accepted God at an early age, becoming a Christian at the age of 15. He graduated from Richton High School in Richton, Mississippi in 1974, and later served in the United States Army for six years; and,

**WHEREAS**, Willie Hinton became licensed and ordained by Community Missionary Baptist Church in Pacific Grove, California in 1977. He attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received his Associates Degree in Divinity in 1988. He then attended International Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia, receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Theology in 1992. He later attended Luther Rice Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia, where he received a Master's Degree in Religious Education in 2014; and,

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Willie Hinton has served as Pastor for several churches; He was the Pastor at St. James Baptist Church in Gulfport, Mississippi for five years, and has been the Pastor for West Mastin Lake Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama since 1990; and,

**WHEREAS**, Willie Hinton is also involved within the community; he serves as Chaplain for the Huntsville Police Department and also serves on the Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Committee. He has also been employed with the Alabama A&M University Residential Life Department since 2001; and,

**WHEREAS**, Willie Hinton has been married to Doris Hinton for 37 years. They have two sons, Aaron and Willie II.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge, congratulate, and extend best wishes to Pastor Willie Hinton in honor of his 25<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

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President of the City Council of  
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama