

RESOLUTION No. 16-139

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Reverend Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery will celebrate his 39th Pastoral Anniversary, to be held February 26, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, born in Chapman, Alabama, the Reverend Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery carried with him through elementary and high school a vision that would later shape his future. Dr. Montgomery has earned the following degrees: a Doctorate of Ministry, Trinity Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana - Pastoral Ministries; Doctorate of Philosophy and Masters of Science degrees, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana - Soil Genesis, Mineralogy, Classification and Remote Sensing; and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama - Agronomy/Chemistry; and,

WHEREAS, in 1976, Dr. Montgomery returned to Alabama A&M University (AAMU). During his 22-year tenure at AAMU, Dr. Montgomery has amassed an extensive background as a researcher and administrator having served in various positions as professor, lecturer, and researcher and administrator. Dr. Montgomery has held several administrative positions with the University, such as Director of External Affairs, Executive Assistant to the President for Institutional Advancement and Development, Director of Grants and Contracts, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Vice President of Research and Development; and,

WHEREAS, for the past thirty nine years, Dr. Montgomery has served as Pastor of the Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. During this time the Union Hill Church fellowship has grown from a congregation of less than 60 to more than 900 members; and,

WHEREAS, along with the specified duties of a pastor, he has provided leadership for the development of an on-site church-sponsored tutorial service for elementary, middle, and high school students in the Huntsville community. He also introduced innovations in Union Hill's Christian Education Ministry. In 1989, following God's vision for the Union Hill congregation, Dr. Montgomery successfully led the church to construct a Christian Worship and Educational Facility at the cost of approximately \$2 million dollars. In 1997, he led the congregation in the construction of a \$2.5 million dollar Community Life Center for the purpose of ministry to the Huntsville community. The Community Life Center offers services such as a full-time day care, meeting rooms, fitness center, and a variety of recreational activities. Dr. Montgomery has also led the Union Hill Church family in reaching out to its community through several community-based programs. Union Hill is well known for its Operation Nehemiah - Quality of Life Program - an alternative approach to drugs, gang, violence, teenage pregnancy, and illiteracy among youth, a program conceived, developed, and implemented by Montgomery. The church also offers ACT Preparation and tutorial services. Dr. Montgomery is the

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Founder, President, and CEO of the Union Hill Personal Growth Center, a 501©3 non-profit organization that focuses on meeting the social, physical, psychological, educational, and emotional needs of the masses within the community without regard to sex, race, age or impairment; and,

WHEREAS, Montgomery is well known for his many religious, civic and community affiliations. He is Past President of the Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship (GHIMF), Moderator of the Flint River and Running Water Primitive Baptist Association, Vice President for the Southern Region of the National Primitive Baptist Convention. He has served as leader and giver in organizations such as the Rural Senior Services, United Way, Harris Home, Downtown Rescue Mission, YMCA, the Community Free Clinic, American Red Cross, and Healthy Community; and,

WHEREAS, he is a member of numerous professional, civic, fraternal and honorary associations: Leadership Alabama Class X. Greater Huntsville Rotary Club, the Past President, NAACP of Huntsville, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, and Beta Kappa Chi, and Sigma XI Honor Societies. Some of his present affiliations include Huntsville Leadership 2000, Alabama Leadership, Huntsville Public Building Authority, the Faith and Neighborhood Committee, Advisory Council for Huntsville Housing Authority and The School Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, at the top of Dr. Montgomery's credits and accomplishments lies the love of his wife the former Alfredia L. Marshall and their four children Paula Rodney (Andrew), Renita, Christa, and Oscar, Jr. Dr. Montgomery is very proud of his family and cherishes the support they have shown him in all of his endeavors. Dr. Montgomery's philosophy of life is "Everyone has a purpose in life and life is not fulfilled until we find that purpose". Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery is a man who knows his purpose in life. Knowing his purpose in life has been both fulfilling to him and it has also served to help others.

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 Reverend Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery on the celebration of his 39th Pastoral Anniversary. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 25th day of February, 2016.

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

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama