

**RESOLUTION No. 16-561**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Dr. Clarence M. Johnson will celebrate his 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Anniversary, to be held at the Poplar Creek Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, August 21, 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Clarence M. Johnson is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and has resided in Huntsville, Alabama since September 1989. He has been married to the former Miss. Donna C. Crews of Chester, Pennsylvania, for thirty-two years. Together they have three children: Clarence, Latoya, and Angel; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Johnson is in his twenty-second year serving as Pastor of Poplar Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Athens, Alabama. He is also currently in his seventeenth year employed as an Adjunct Professor at Athens State University in Athens, Alabama; he is in his sixth year employed as an Adjunct Professor at Northwest Shoals Community College--Online, Muscle Shoals, Alabama; and in his third year employed as a Master's Program Instructor at Huntsville Bible College, Huntsville, Alabama. Dr. Johnson has been conferred with the Doctors of Ministry Degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; a Masters of Divinity Degree from Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, Alabama; a Baccalaureate Degree (double major: Religion; Philosophy) from Athens State University, Athens, Alabama; and an Associates of General Studies Degree from Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas. Finally, Dr. Johnson retired from the United States Army after serving twenty years on active duty; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Johnson served as the facilitator for the North Huntsville Business Association from February 24, 2015 until March 2016. He has been serving as Chairperson of the North Huntsville Social Justice Committee March 2014. He served as the Chairperson of the Social Action Committee, Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship from February 2012 until February 2014. His previous ministry service to the Lord has included being a member of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union of Flint River Missionary Baptist Association. He also served as the Field Missionary, and as a resident instructor of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention. Additionally, he served as the Minister of The Road to Faith, "Thought for Today Ministry", radio station WDJL AM 1000, Huntsville, Alabama. While stationed in West Germany, as a soldier, Dr. Johnson served as the founding vice president of the Pillars of Ministry Program, an organization established to train ministers in the office of Pastoral Duties; and deacons in the office of Deacon and the Deacon Family Ministry. Dr. Johnson also served as the Director of Religious Education and Sunday School Superintendent at Erlangen National Baptist Church, Erlangen, West Germany. Dr. Johnson is a member of many other societies and organizations and have received many academic honors and awards as he pursues his call of God; and,

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**WHEREAS**, Dr. Johnson is a firm believer in the Word of God being applied to the Christian's everyday living. He is a redemptive pastor and servant always seeking avenues of reconciliation of the lost with our living Lord, and the saints with one another. Dr. Johnson loves the Lord, his family, his church family, God's people, and has a heart for the Mission of God.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby acknowledge, congratulate and extend best wishes to Dr. Clarence M. Johnson on the celebration of his 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Anniversary. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** and **APPROVED** on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of **August, 2016**.