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Proclamation congratulating New Life Family Worship Center upon the occasion of its 10th anniversary.

WHEREAS, *New Life Family Worship Center*, located in the Brighton Heights Neighborhood of the Northside in the City of Pittsburgh, stands as a pillar for the local community, providing service ministries and spiritual guidance to generations of individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, *New Life Family Worship Center*, originally named New Life Christian Ministries was organized on March 28, 2010, at Hosanna House in Wilksburg; and

WHEREAS, in March 2010, Pastor James O. Edwell, now Suffragan Bishop Elect, became the first pastor of the newly organized church and has served for the past ten years. The congregation consisted of 15 members including, his wife, First Lady Dianne Edwell, Brother Ernst Moore, Sister Adele Moore, Prophetess Celeste Ellis, his devoted sister, Pastor Sheila Rawlings. Sister Meloney Dennis was the first member to join the new ministry; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to servicing the community, *New Life Family Worship Center* sponsors a variety of programs to assist and provide services to those in need throughout the community. The following are some of the programs implemented by the church and its congregation to aid those seeking assistance: Annual Back To School Rally, Children's Church, Gospel Sing-off Competition, pulpit exchanges with numerous churches, Kingdom Seekers, (a program that teaches young believers to be leaders and grow in their walk with God) ministry in the Northview Heights Community; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Marvin Rawlings felt the call to serve under Pastor James Edwell in ministry in the early years of *New Life Family Worship Center* and was installed as Assistant Pastor of *New Life Family Worship Center* by Bishop John T. Leslie in March of 2012. During that time, Pastor Larry Scott was consecrated as an Associate Pastor and Minister of Music at *New Life Family Worship Center* where they served faithfully until they received a calling to start their own ministries in Homewood and Washington, PA; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Council is proud to recognize *New Life Family Worship Center* for celebrating its 10th anniversary on Friday, March 26 through Sunday, March 29, 2020 at the church's home at 1301 Davis Avenue. The church along with pastor, James O. Edwell, continues to be instrumental in serving the residents of this county through education, spiritual guidance, social service, nurturing, outreach and worship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Allegheny County Council Members Tom Baker and Olivia Bennett, do hereby honor and congratulate *New Life Family Worship Center* upon the occasion of its 10th anniversary, and we wish the church, its administration and its followers the best in all future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be

affixed this 27th day of March 2020.