

**Town of Smithfield
Proclamation
Honoring Walter Sanders Funeral Home's
75 Years of Service**

Whereas, the Walter Sanders Funeral Home has been an integral part of the Smithfield, North Carolina community for 75 years, providing compassionate and professional funeral services since its founding; and

Whereas, Walter Sanders Jr., a respected leader in the community, was licensed as a Funeral Director on September 13, 1949, and through his dedication and leadership, built a legacy of service that continues to impact the community; and

Whereas, Walter Sanders Jr. relocated the funeral home to its current location at 302 South Brightleaf Boulevard in the late 1960s, establishing it as a trusted institution in the area, and his legacy has been faithfully carried on by his daughter Sandra-Sanders Meachem and son-in-law Frank Meachem and cousin Antenor (Tony) Nixon who continue to operate the funeral home with the same commitment to excellence and care; and

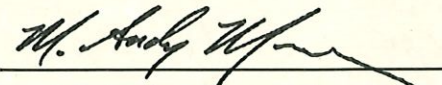
Whereas, Walter Sanders Jr. served the community through numerous roles, including as a Deacon at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, a member of the Board of Funeral Service in Raleigh, an active member of the Black Funeral Directors Association, and a community advocate who supported the Boy Scouts of America, the NAACP, the Johnston County Citizen's Association, and many other civic organizations; and

Whereas, the funeral home has provided unparalleled support to families in their times of need, and has continued to uphold its reputation for dignity, respect, and professionalism under the leadership of Walter Sanders Jr.'s family; and

Whereas, in celebration of 75 years of service, the Town of Smithfield honors the Walter Sanders Funeral Home on October 12, 2024, commemorating this remarkable milestone.

Now, Therefore, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield, do hereby recognize and honor Walter Sanders Funeral Home for its 75 years of outstanding service to the Smithfield community and extend our deepest gratitude to the Walter Sanders Jr. family for their continued commitment to excellence.




M. Andy Moore, Mayor