

PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF BISHOP RICHARD WELDON JOHNSON FROM ST. PETER CHUCH OF CHRIST, (DOC), AFTER 47 YEARS OF PASTORIAL LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, Bishop Richard Weldon Johnson has faithfully served as the Pastor of St. Peter Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ in Smithfield, North Carolina for an exceptional 47 years, demonstrating unwavering dedication, leadership, and compassion to his congregation and the community; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Johnson has been recognized by his family, his church, and numerous organizations for his exemplary leadership and steadfast commitment to enriching the lives of others through spiritual guidance and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Johnson's educational achievements include graduating from the Goldsboro Disciple Institute School of Religion Education and being awarded a Doctor of Divinity Degree, showcasing his dedication to lifelong learning and excellence in ministry; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Johnson has fostered strong ties within the community, working alongside leaders and organizations to promote unity, service, and positive change, thereby leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and lives of many; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Bishop Johnson leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, and service that will continue to inspire future generations and uplift the community for years to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield, along with members of the Town Council, recognize the many fine works of Bishop Richard Weldon Johnson in the Town of Smithfield and encourage all residents to join me in honoring his remarkable contributions and celebrating his retirement.



M. Andy Moore Mayor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great the Seal of the Town of Smithfield on this fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.