

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS:** Reverend Albert Edward Johnson was born to the late Reverend Edward and Susan Johnson on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1905 in Miami, Florida. He relocated from Miami to Pompano Beach in 1927; and

**WHEREAS:** Matriarch Elizabeth Richardson Johnson was born to the late William and Olevia Richardson in Miami, Florida. She relocated to Pompano Beach, in 1908; and

**WHEREAS:** Reverend Albert Edward Johnson and Matriarch Elizabeth R. Johnson met and married in 1928 and were happily married for 66 years. Together they raised ten children, teaching them to love the church, family, respect for the elderly and themselves, and the value of an education; and

**WHEREAS:** Reverend Albert Edward Johnson was called to the ministry and was ordained by Pastor Coleman of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Pompano Beach, Florida. He later became a member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where he was ordained Itinerant Elder. He organized St. John A.M.E. Church, Collier City; organized and built St. James A.M.E. Church, Fort Lauderdale; and also laid into foundation the Gibbs Chapel A.M.E. Church, Miami, Florida; and

**WHEREAS:** He labored as a sharecropper and construction worker all while being an active member of the community. He served as President of the P.T.A. at Blanche Ely High School, was a member of the Masonic Lodge #409, and served on other Civic Organizations. Upon retirement, he became Assistant Pastor to the Late Reverend Robert H. Mobley at Bethel A.M.E. Church. He pastored several churches during his tenure as a pastor over four decades, before leaving this earth on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1994; and

**WHEREAS:** Matriarch Elizabeth Richardson Johnson became a member of Salters Temple A.M.E. Church in which her father was one of the organizers. She grew with the church, which became Bethel A.M.E. Church. During her 88 years as a member, she served as Sunday School Secretary, Stewardess for 62 years, and President of the Stewardess Board #2 for 25 years. She was also an active member in various Masonic and Community Organizations including the United Sisters. She departed this earth on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1996.

**WHEREAS:** on August 11, 2017, NW 8th Avenue was dedicated in memory of the Johnsons and is now known as Reverend Albert E. Johnson Avenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby honor the memory of Reverend Albert Edward Johnson and Matriarch Elizabeth Johnson for their many years of faithfulness to their church, love for their family and their service to the community.

**DONE** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

  
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**LAMAR FISHER, MAYOR**