

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COMMEMORATING THE 134<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PRINCE CHAPEL  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

**WHEREAS**, in 1889, God used the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church to inspire Reverend Prince Albert to dream of a wooden tabernacle for African American residents to worship in Spirit and Truth. Reverend Albert taught workers the AME Church doctrine and the dream was realized when the Prince Chapel AME Church was established in 1897. Reverend Albert was married to Eliza Young Albert who founded the Eliza Albert Women's Missionary Society; and

**WHEREAS**, The Little Wooden Church was damaged by a hurricane in 1953 and rebuilt by Reverend H. L. Conley, then, under Reverend Richard Wallace, plans for a new building were made, but the old church was repeatedly vandalized and eventually burned down in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1987, Brother Charles Albert, Sr., along with his wife Pearl Blue Albert, donated \$2,000.00 and two acres of land on Hendricks Road for the Prince Chapel AME Church in Nassauville, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Patrick Goodluck led a ground-breaking ceremony at Prince Chapel AME Church and Reverend Rodger Burton launched a massive building program resulting in a new church foundation at 3701 Hendricks Road, Nassauville, Florida. Over time the church's enrollment increased, prayer meetings and Sunday School were reorganized; and

**WHEREAS**, The Prince Chapel Family began worshipping at the new church on October 13, 1996 and the church was officially dedicated on August 2, 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, April 28, 2024, the congregation held an Anniversary Celebration, where past members, as well as the community came together and celebrated 134 years of service to the Fernandina Beach community; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince Chapel AME Church will continue their missions under the leadership of The Reverend LaTefonie (Tiffany) Gulama and her Leadership Team.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, on this 10th day of June 2024, that:

1. The Board hereby commemorates the Prince Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church on their 134<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
2. The Board recognizes the many contributions that Prince Chapel AME Church has made to the Nassauville (Fernandina Beach) Community.
3. The Board extends their best wishes to Prince Chapel AME Church for their anniversary celebration.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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JOHN F. MARTIN  
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S  
SIGNATURE:

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney

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JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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DENISE C. MAY