

**RESOLUTION 2018 -**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMEMORATING THE 136<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR HOMECOMING CELEBRATION JULY 6-8, 2018.**

**WHEREAS**, in 1835, following a period of economic and social depression, the Nassau County Courthouse was relocated from Fernandina Beach to Evergreen, a small community on County Road 108; and

**WHEREAS**, the Courthouse remained at this location for approximately 28 years before being moved further inland, away from Union troops during the Civil War; and

**WHEREAS**, on the first Sunday in May 1882, a group of Christian believers met and organized the St. James Baptist Church. Services were held in the building that previously housed the Courthouse in Evergreen; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Deacon Board were: Deacon Peter Melton, Deacon August White and Deacon Albert White; and

**WHEREAS**, other pastors that have served at St. James Baptist Church include, Rev. G. Mizell, Rev. Hardwich, Rev. D.J. Baker, Rev. S.S. Richo, Rev. Walter Baker, Elder Eddie Lawrence, and Rev. Joel Robinson; and

**WHEREAS**, other Deacons that have served include Deacon Willie Grant, Deacon Adolphus Albertain, Deacon Thomas

Albertie, Deacon Richard Albertie, Deacon Samuel Jacobs, Deacon Clem Mason, Deacon Isaac Mason, and Deacon Darryl Mason; and

**WHEREAS,** St. James Baptist Church has continued to grow and have added a Youth Department, Young Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Male Chorus, Allen Brooks Missionary Circle, Pastor's Study, Deacon's Room, and The Bishop Lawrence Fellowship Hall; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2010, the St. James Baptist Church became partners with Life Care Nursing Home and the Clara White Mission to extend their services and outreach to more members of the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the congregation is holding a Homecoming Celebration July 6-8, 2018, where past members will return to celebrate the life of the church with the existing members; and

**WHEREAS,** part of this Homecoming Celebration includes the celebration of one hundred and thirty-six (136) years of service to the Evergreen community.

**WHEREAS,** the St. James Baptist Church will continue their missions under the leadership of Rev. Johnnie Green, his Ministry Team, Dr. Sydell Mason, Evangelist May Mason, Minister Larry Gibson, and the Deacon Board: Deacon Freddie

Mason, Deacon George I. Mason, Deacon Gary Mason, Deacon James Jordan and Deacon Otis Mason.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2018 that:

1. The Board hereby commemorates the St. James Baptist Church on their 136<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
2. The Board recognizes the many contributions that St. James Baptist Church has made to the Evergreen Community.
3. The Board extends their best wishes to St. James Baptist Church for their homecoming event.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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PAT EDWARDS  
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S  
SIGNATURE:

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JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney

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MICHAEL S. MULLIN