

**RESOLUTION COMMERORATING BISHOP SIMON GORDON'S 34TH  
PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AT TRIEDSTONE FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 1942 on the South Side, Triedstone Baptist Church has been blessed by the ministry of Bishop Simon Gordon as Senior Pastor since 1989, and will celebrate his 34 years with the church this Spring; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this milestone by the Honorable Stephanie D. Coleman, Alderman of the 16th Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, In his role as Senior Pastor, Bishop Gordon shepherds a 3,000-strong congregation, 30 support ministries, and 14 senior pastors who are also responsible for their own congregations; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1999, Bishop Gordon formed Total Resources Community Development Organization (TRCDO), which partners with Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, Northwestern University, and several major hospitals to provide health research training to churches, positively impacting over 50,000 lives annually; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to his faith-based leadership, Bishop Gordon is also a trusted community advisor, having previously served as an advisor on the White House Faith-Based Council during the first term of President Barack Obama and with St. Jude's Cancer Research Children's Hospital as the Associate of the Sunday of Hope Promotions out of Memphis, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently Bishop Gordon serves on the Board of Prevention Partnership, Inc. as the Faith Based Chair for HIV Awareness and Substance Abuse Prevention, where he is spearheading efforts to build better relationships with the City, Duke University, the Lupus Foundation, the Cancer Society, Advocate Healthcare, and the American Heart Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Recently, the Bishop has been recognized for these efforts, being awarded the prestigious Paul Kelly Service Award, two Path Awards from the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the United Theological Seminary's President's Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite the enormous time commitment of his ministry and civic engagements, Bishop Gordon remains involved in faith-based initiative and organizations across the globe, serving as Regent at the Midwest Theology Seminary in Kansas, serving as a member of the CORE group, a faith based council that addresses the utility industries to ensure fairness, leading over 50 overseas expeditions; and serving as an Instructor for African American Clergy and Educators in Ethiopia, Egypt, Israel, Greece, Turkey, Rome, and South Africa; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Gordon is also heavily involved in the Tehillah Music Group, where he serves as a Board Member, and, since 2003, has served as the jurisdictional Bishop for the Midwest Region Full Gospel Baptist Churches for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International (FGBCFI), covering churches in five states – Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Michigan – and Canada; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this nineteenth day of April 2023, do hereby congratulate Bishop Simon Gordon on the occasion of his 34th Pastoral Anniversary, and extend our most heartfelt wishes for his continued happiness, and success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Bishop Simon Gordon as a sign of our honor, and respect.

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STEPHANIE D. COLEMAN  
Alderman, 16th Ward