

proclamation

Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church 125th Anniversary Day October 28, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park recognizes that 125 years ago, the wooden structure of Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church was established on 160 S. Pennsylvania Ave. on May 21, 1893, and is being celebrated on October 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Reverend S. A. Williams was the first pastor, Rev. M. M. More was the presiding Elder, and Rev. T. M. D. Ward was the Bishop at the time the church was established; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the late Reverend J. E. Fobb (1929-1932), Ward Chapel purchased property from Emma Jones on Pennsylvania and Welbourne avenues to construct a new Ward Chapel, after the original church was demolished and materials were salvaged to use in the new edifice; and

WHEREAS, Richard Charlton, Sr., Dexter Ray, Earl McKinney and Sam Bailey contributed a great deal of labor throughout the building of the church; and

WHEREAS, some of the great pioneers of the church include A. Straughter, M. Jones, D. Ray, R. Charlton, M. Colston, R. Ballard, J. Frison, R. Cole and Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John D. Williams, Sr., serves as the current pastor, Reverend Valarie J. Walker serves as the current presiding elder, the Right Reverend Adam Jefferson Richardson serves as the current bishop, and current stewards include: Laverne Woodward, Pamela Boykin, Rudolph Certain, Eula Davis, Jackie Grier and Richard Isom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Sunday, October 28, 2018**, as “**Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church 125th Anniversary Day**” in the City of Winter Park, Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 12th day of October 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Leary", is written over a faint, circular watermark or seal.

Steve Leary
Mayor