



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR SAUNDRA GRAHAM

APRIL 27, 1987

- WHEREAS: The African Methodist Episcopal Church in America is observing its two hundredth anniversary; and
- WHEREAS: St. Paul's A.M.E. Church in Cambridge is hosting the One Hundred and Thirty Sixth Annual New England A.M.E. Church Conference; and
- WHEREAS: The legacy of the Africian Methodist Episcopal Church began in November 1787 in St. George Methodist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when Richard Allen, founder, led members of the Free Africian Society out of St. George; and
- WHEREAS: Richard Allen and his followers later held their worship service in a former blacksmith shop where the blacksmith's anvil served as the lectern from which Allen delivered his sermons. Ownership of the blacksmith shop gives the AME Church the distinction of being one of the first black organization to own property in America; and
- WHEREAS: Richard Allen was consecrated the first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1816. This made him the first black bishop in America. 104 Bishops have been subsequently elected to serve this denomination. There are presently 80 deceased Bishops, 19 active and 6 retired Bishops serving the Church. There are more than 8000 Churces worldwide in over 30 countries on four continents. The total membership worldwide is over 3,000,000 in 19 episcopal districts; and
- WHEREAS: The mission of the Church is to minister to the spiritual intellectual, physical and emotional needs of its people, and the AME Church carries out its mission through ownership of ten colleges and universities, seven seminary schools, its own publishing house, daycare centers, housing developments and hospitals and health clinics; and

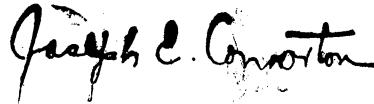
WHEREAS: The motto of this Church, "God our Father, Christ our Redeemer and Man our Brother", serves as a basis for the bicentennial theme, "A Liberating and Reconciling People, 1787-1987", therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council extends to the African Methodist Episcopal Church in America its congratulations on the observance of its two hundredth anniversary; and be it further that this City Council declare the week of May 10-17th "African Methodist Episcopal Church Week in Cambridge"; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this Resolution to the African Methodist Episcopal Church in America on behalf of the Cambridge City Council.

In City Council April 27, 1987.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #15 S-281

C. Graham re: resolutions congratulating the African Methodist Episcopal Church of America as it observes its 200th anniversary & declaring the week of May 10-17, 1987 as "African Methodist Episcopal Church Week".

In City Council,

April 27, 1987

C. Graham

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