

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF
THE LATE REVEREND GEORGE MELVIN COATES

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2022 the Greensboro community lost a beloved leader with the passing of the late Reverend George Melvin Coates;

WHEREAS, Reverend Coates was born on November 4, 1953, and raised in Cleveland County, NC; he pursued higher education in biology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC-Chapel Hill) where he became a member of the charter line of the Psi Delta Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc;

WHEREAS, Reverend Coates was employed in the banking industry while continuing higher education pursuits at UNC, resulting in a Masters of Science Degree in Business in 1981; he eventually moved to Greensboro, NC to serve as Greensboro National Bank manager;

WHEREAS, Reverend Coates served in C-Suite positions with such organizations as: United Way of Greater Greensboro, Triangle United Way of Raleigh, and Moses Cone Hospital System before answering the call to ministry in 2007;

WHEREAS, Reverend Coates matriculated to the Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, NC; following graduation in 2011 with a Masters Degree of Divinity; he received his first pastoral appointment at Raleigh's Cross Road and United Methodist Church (UMC), where he served as his wife's assistant;

WHEREAS, six (6) months later, Reverend Coates received an appointment to Triad UMC; subsequent appointments included Laughlin UMC, Newland Street UMC, and Hickory Grove UMC, where he served until his health declined;

WHEREAS, Reverend George Melvin Coates will be remembered not only as a man of business, but as a man of faith; a devoted leader; and a loving husband, father, and grandfather (also known as Opa); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. That the City Council wishes to express its condolences, and offer its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated service of the late Reverend George Melvin Coates. His legacy will be remembered by the lives he touched and sacrifices made.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Reverend George Melvin Coates as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his devoted support and contributions to the community.