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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-047

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING CARTER MEMORIAL)
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S)
140TH ANNIVERSARY)**

WHEREAS, the Carter Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church was one of the first churches organized by Black residents in California and the very first in Fresno, California. In 1882 Rev. Aaron S. Walton helped found Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, which would become Carter Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church 40 years later; and

WHEREAS, around 1922 Rev. C. C. Carter was appointed pastor of Bethel and began the building of a new church at 1422 San Joaquin Street, but unfortunately passed before its completion. When it was finished in 1926, it was renamed Carter Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church in honor of the late Rev. Carter; and

WHEREAS, in 1959 redevelopment plans for the City of Fresno caused the church to seek a new location and in 1967, under the leadership of Rev. J. Brooks, the church moved to 1115 "U" Street making it the first black church in downtown Fresno; and


WHEREAS, in 2011 the church was moved to its current location at 940 Waterman Avenue under Rev. Carl L. Jones; and

WHEREAS, Carter Memorial AME Church has sponsored a 150-unit development known as Kearney Cooley Plaza in 1969, instituted a good program for the homeless and made countless other contributions to its congregation and the community of downtown Fresno.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby commemorate Carter Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church's 140th Anniversary and recognize their contributions to the community in downtown Fresno.


THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 22nd day of February, 2022, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



Brian Pacheco, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By 
Deputy