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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING PASTOR AND FIRST)
LADY BINION ON THEIR 40TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-248

5 **WHEREAS**, Paul Lawrence Binion II was born in Fairfield, Alabama and after coming to
California, graduated from California State University, Los Angeles with a Bachelor's Degree in History,
6 and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, with a Master's Degree in Divinity. The
Southern California School of Ministry conferred the Doctor of Divinity upon him; and

7 **WHEREAS**, he has resided in Fresno, California since January 1977, when he came to assume
Senior Pastoral Leadership of Westside Church of GOD. In December of 1978, Pastor Binion married
8 Valarie Jean Metoyer, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana; and

9 **WHEREAS**, under First Lady Binion's leadership the Music and Worship Arts Ministry was
developed and is flourishing today. She has facilitated the growth of the Arts, including such areas as
10 dance, dramatic arts, choir and vocal performance; and

11 **WHEREAS**, together, Pastor and First Lady Binion have developed and inspired many ministries
and missions, including the Married and Committed (MAC) Ministry. Pastor and First Lady Binion led this
12 ministry for many years and have helped teach, empower, and strengthen families through helping to
redeem marriages.

13 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Binion has been involved in many organizations and has served ministries
and individuals as an advisor, confidante and counselor. Pastor Binion has been a conference speaker,
14 preacher, and teacher of the Bible and leadership, both locally and nationally. First Lady Binion has also
served as a conference speaker, facilitator and powerhouse in her own right. She is a Lifetime
15 Achievement Award recipient from the Hawkins Music and Arts Love Fellowship Association for her work
in Music and the Arts and continues to lead and teach others in the arts.

16 **WHEREAS**, Pastor and First Lady Binion are leaders who love their God, their family, and their
community. Together, Pastor and First Lady Binion are parents to three daughters and one son, one
17 daughter-in-law and son-in-law, five grandchildren, and many other sons and daughters.

18 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby
19 recognize and congratulate Pastor and First Lady Binion on their 40th Pastoral Anniversary. We would
also like to recognize their dedication to the community and wish them many more years of success.

20 **THE FOREGOING** was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
21 the County of Fresno this 25TH day of April, 2017, to-wit:

22 AYES: Supervisors, Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
23 NOES: None
ABSENT: None

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CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

25 ATTEST:
26 BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

27 By Susan Bishop
28 Deputy