

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC 18-0214-12**

Date of Adoption **FEB 14 2018**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY ON THE BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH BY

LYONS

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Legislative Research Officer
JONES

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

SECONDED BY

RESOLUTION OF SORROW – PASTOR MABLE L. GRIFFIN

WHEREAS, Mable L. Griffin, daughter of the late John Henry Boyd and Jane Ethel Boyd, was born on February 7, 1945 in Craven County, North Carolina and attended the Pitt County Training School in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, after moving with her family to Newark, New Jersey, in 1963 she graduated from West Side High School, then attended Eastern Bible Institute in 1994 and also attended CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) classes at Jersey City Medical Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, she married Leslie Howard Griffin and to this union two children were born, Kimberly and Tracey; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the family grew by two when God sent her Sheila and Chames; and

WHEREAS, she was called into the ministry in 1974 and was ordained in 1975 and in 1979, Minister Griffin became a volunteer at University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, NJ; and

WHEREAS, with the help of God, she overcame many obstacles and in 1988, became the first woman to be appointed as assistant chaplain at UMDNJ where she served in this capacity until her retirement in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Even after her retirement, Pastor Griffin continued to minister to the spiritual needs of the sick; and

WHEREAS, in October 1995 she succeeded her mother, the late Pastor Jane E. Boyd as the Pastor of New Born Holy Church of Newark, NJ, and under her leadership, the church experienced tremendous spiritual and physical growth; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, following God's direction, she oversaw the beginning of the renovation of the church and in 2008, after more than a year of being displaced, she lead the church back into their new facility, a church that had been founded by her mother in a living room, moved to a small store front on Springfield Avenue, shifted to a store front on South 10th Street in Newark, relocated to a hollowed-out garage on Bergen Street, now boasted a sanctuary that seats 150 parishioners, cathedral ceilings, a pastor's study, fellowship hall and a professional kitchen; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, the ministries of the church grew and expanded as she continued to lead God's people spiritually and in service to the Central Ward and greater Newark community; and

WHEREAS, a dynamic and effective proclaimer of God's Word, Pastor Griffin was in constant demand, to declare "thus saith the Lord" at churches throughout the area, and as a result, New Born Holy Church maintained strong spiritual ties with a large number of churches throughout New Jersey and North Carolina, where she traveled annually to preach; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, she joined her mother and became an emergency foster parent, welcoming countless motherless children into her home and as a result of her commitment to these children she would soon be known as "mom," "Aunt Mable," and ultimately Pastor Griffin to innumerable children in the greater Newark area; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Griffin received numerous awards and citations for her work as a Pastor, Servant Leader and Preacher including being recognized by the Full Gospel Bible Institute, as an Unsung Hero, proclamations from The State of New Jersey, The Township of Irvington and The City of Newark and a steady procession of articles in local and state newspapers; and

WHEREAS, in the last years of her life, Pastor Griffin was blessed by the love and support of her siblings, in particular, her sisters Francia and Janie, who made countless sacrifices to support her children with her care, helping to maintain her home and ensuring that she was still able to attend church and other events outside the home; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2018, Pastor Griffin answered the Lord's call and went home to be with Christ; and

WHEREAS, she was proceeded in death by her parents, Deacon John Henry Boyd, and Pastor Jane Ethel Boyd and one God daughter, Christie Smith of Grimesland, North Carolina. She is survived by her husband Leslie Howard Griffin, three daughters, Kimberly Griffin of the home, Tracey Cooper (Dexter) of Newark, New Jersey, Sheila Harrison of Woodbridge,

New Jersey, one son, Chames Brown (Tracy) of Norfolk, Virginia, 9 grandchildren, Tyler Cooper, Asiah Cooper, Kayla Griffin, Robert Brown, Jason Brown, Latoya Harrison, Marvin Harrison III, Jasmine Harrison, and Nicole Bradley; 19 great grandchildren, one God daughter, Karetha Haith of Bay Point, California, five sisters, Madie Stanley (Clyde) of Newark, NJ, Carrie Mae McKelvey, (Franklin) of Rahway, NJ, Francia Davis, of Irvington, NJ, Janie Boyd of Newark NJ, Cynthia Tookes, (Arthur) of Newark, NJ one brother James Henry Boyd, (Freda) of Irvington, NJ, one Uncle, Allen Smith, (Doris) of Westfield, NJ, three brothers-in-law, Jimmy Griffin, Frankie Griffin (Pat), Danny Griffin, (Von), six sisters-in-law, Ossie Griffin, Judy Griffin, Jeanette Griffin, Wanda Battle, (James), Pamela Brown, (Randolph), Paula Griffin, all of Williamston, North Carolina and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Township of Irvington joins with the many relatives and many friends and parishioners of Pastor Mable L. Griffin in mourning her lost while rejoicing in the memory of her spiritual life of giving; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this governing body as a lasting tribute to the life of Pastor Mable L. Griffin.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

X = Indicates Vote

N.V. = No Vote

A.B. = Absent

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.
BURGESS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	X				INMAN	X			
COX	X				JONES, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT	X			
FREDERIC	X				LYONS, PRESIDENT	X			
DR. HUDLEY	X								

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL Dr. Lyons MUNICIPAL CLERK [Signature] DATE FEB 14 2018

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Municipal Council. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Township of Irvington.

MUNICIPAL CLERK [Signature]DATE FEB 14 2018

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