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Introduced by Council Members Pittman and Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Freeman and Miller:

## RESOLUTION 2025-746-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AND DECLARING OCTOBER 18-24, 2025, AS A.M.E. CHURCH 150<sup>TH</sup> EAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE WEEK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church has served as a beacon of faith, education, service, and leadership for 150 years, uplifting communities and advancing the mission of the Church throughout Florida, the Bahamas, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the East Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Church will celebrate this historic milestone in Jacksonville, Florida, with commemorative events held October 16-18, 2025, and October 22-24, 2025, hosted at Saint Paul A.M.E. Church; and

WHEREAS, this Sesquicentennial Anniversary reflects not only the legacy of the A.M.E. Church, but also its continued commitment to faith, service, and community progress, ensuring that its impact will endure for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the celebration will include the publication of a  $150^{th}$ Commemorative Journal, preserving the history and significance of this milestone and honoring the enduring contributions of the A.M.E. Church and its members; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

The City Council hereby honors and celebrates Section 1. the 150th Anniversary of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, recognizes the historic role of the A.M.E. Church in shaping the

city's history, culture, and progress, and declares October 18-24, 2025 as American Methodist Episcopal Church 150<sup>th</sup> East Annual Conference Week.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

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## 10 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

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