

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-493**

5 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARVIN CLYDE ZANDERS, II
6 UPON HIS ELECTION AS BISHOP OF THE AFRICAN
7 METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Marvin Clyde Zanders, II was raised in Orlando, Florida
11 by his parents the late Marvin C. Zanders, Sr. and Mrs. Jacquelyn
12 Johnson Bain. He attended public schools in Orange County, graduated
13 from Edgewater High School, and then received his academic preparation
14 from Morehouse College and The Turner Theological Seminary at The
15 Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Marvin Clyde Zanders, II is married to Winifred Houston
17 Zanders, and they are the proud parents of Marvin Frank Curtis Zanders
18 and Micah Van Zanders. Since November 2000, Pastor Zanders has been
19 assigned to the Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, one of
20 the oldest churches in Jacksonville. Under his leadership, the church
21 has experienced outstanding fiscal stewardship, along with
22 substantial growth and development; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his devotion to family and his ministry
24 to the St. Paul's congregation, Pastor Zanders has dedicated his time
25 to numerous civic groups and public service. He has served as the
26 Advisor to the Chairman and the First Vice Chairman of the Episcopal
27 Committee of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, been a member
28 of the Executive Committee of the General Board as well as the Vice
29 Chairman of the Commission of Global Witness and Ministry of the
30 African Methodist Episcopal Church, is the Treasurer for the Eleventh
31 Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and is

1 the Co-Organizer of the Clay County Minority Coalition as well as a
2 Board Member for the Duval County Partners for Education. Marvin
3 Zanders is also an active member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,
4 Incorporated, a 32° Mason PHA - Champion Lodge #2 and Tillman
5 Valentine Consistory #22; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on July 10, 2021, over 1600 delegates of the church's
7 supreme governance body met to review and change the denomination's
8 laws and policies, receive reports from its agencies, and elect
9 denominational leadership. On that day four new bishops were elected
10 to the African Methodist Episcopal Church by majority vote at the
11 51st Quadrennial Session of the General Conference in Orlando. Bishop
12 Zanders will now serve the 16th AME District (Caribbean, South America
13 and Europe) and notably is the first Morehouse College graduate
14 elected as a Bishop in AME Church history; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends Bishop
17 Marvin Clyde Zanders, II upon his election as bishop in the African
18 Methodist Episcopal Church. City Council appreciates his years of
19 service to our community, his spiritual guidance and support for his
20 congregation, and his lifelong devotion to transforming lives through
21 hope and faith.

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

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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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