

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson and Co-Sponsored by  
2 Council Members Morgan, Diamond, Bowman, Newby, DeFoor, Becton and  
3 Gaffney:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2021-493-A**

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

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

26 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his devotion to family and his  
27 ministry to the St. Paul's congregation, Pastor Zanders has  
28 dedicated his time to numerous civic groups and public service. He  
29 has served as the Advisor to the Chairman and the First Vice  
30 Chairman of the Episcopal Committee of the African Methodist  
31 Episcopal Church, been a member of the Executive Committee of the

1 General Board as well as the Vice Chairman of the Commission of  
2 Global Witness and Ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal  
3 Church, is the Treasurer for the Eleventh Episcopal District of the  
4 African Methodist Episcopal Church, and is the Co-Organizer of the  
5 Clay County Minority Coalition as well as a Board Member for the  
6 Duval County Partners for Education. Marvin Zanders is also an  
7 active member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, a 32°  
8 Mason PHA - Champion Lodge #2 and Tillman Valentine Consistory #22;  
9 and

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

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

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

27 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
28 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
29 without the Mayor's signature.  
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Form Approved:

    /s/ Paige H. Johnston    

Office of General Counsel

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