City Clerk Andrea M. Valencia **May 7, 2025**

, On Sunday April 27, 2025, I am beyond grateful to acknowledge and celebrate the 24th Pastoral Anniversary of the esteemed Reverend. Dr. L Bernard Jakes and First Lady Carole Denise as Senior Pastor of West Point Missionary Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, On behalf of the Chicago City Council and the greater City of Chicago, City Clerk Andrea Valencia would like to extend her personal gratitude to Reverend. Dr. L Bernard Jakes on this important milestone to recognize his work and for being an outstanding citizen of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Reverend. Dr. L Bernard Jakes, a native son of Chicago and graduate of Marie Curie Metropolitan High School, Elmhurst University, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and United Theological Seminary where he received his Doctorate of Ministry has had more than two decades of experience as Senior Pastor and community advocate; and

WHEREAS, Reverend. Dr. Jakes has defined his leadership by addressing the needs of his parishioners and community residents. He works throughout his community and city to ensure that all Chicagoans have access to the resources they need to improve their lives; and

WHEREAS, Reverned. Dr. Bernard L Jakes been a committed faith leader in his community but he has also been on the forefrontfight of political issues effecting all Illinoisans. His voice has been impactful in conversations and debate around reforming gun control, increasing minimum wage, and education funding reform; and

WHEREAS, A member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated Reverned. Dr. Bernard L Jakes serves as the Regional Chaplain for the Fraternity and provides council for numerous members; and

WHEREAS, Reverend. Dr. Bernard L Jakes has worked relentlessly for all his his career achievements, his biggest accomplishment is his family. Alongside First Lady Carole Denise they have raised raised two accomplished children Brandon and Erika; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, City Clerk Anna M. Valencia and the Office of the City Clerk of Chicago, on this seventh day of May, 2025, do hereby express our appreciation to Reverend. Dr. L Bernard Jakes for his outstanding service to the City of Chicago; and

Andrea M. Valencia

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