

Proclamation

**HONORING BISHOP MARK TOLBERT
AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

WHEREAS, Bishop Tolbert is an accomplished preacher, singer, writer, and teacher, community leader, and entrepreneur extraordinaire. He is the Senior Pastor of Victorious Life Church. In 1999, he founded The Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy Charter School.

WHEREAS, Bishop Tolbert is a native Kansas City, Graduate of Central High School, attended Penn Valley Community College, and received his DD from Western Baptist Bible College. Bishop Tolbert has served as: President of the Lee A. Tolbert Charter School Board, Former Diocesan Bishop of the Canadian District Council and currently Diocesan of the Heart of America Council of Churches (formerly Northwestern District Council) of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Director of Budget & Finance for the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Presently, he is the 1st Presiding Bishop for the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Tolbert professionally has fifty (50) plus years career as a business entrepreneur. He worked as a salesman for Johnson Products and Blankinship Distributors and owned a fast food franchise. His first love is business, but he knew the call of God when he heard it and surrendered to the will of God for his life. He was appointed to assist his father as an assistant pastor in 1979. In that position, he served the church faithfully in many capacities including driving the church bus, a lead singer in the choir and serving the youth ministry. Since receiving the mantle to pastor Christ Temple Church in July of 1989, our ministry has grown and flourished under the leadership of Bishop Mark Tolbert. In 2006 there was a name change. Our church pulled together to make a decision and our church name was officially changed to Victorious Life Church. The name change shows that the congregants are willing to make preparations to minister to the next generation. Currently, Victorious Life Church has over 75 active ministries; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Tolbert proudly serves on various national and local organization from the former President of the Concerned Clergy Coalition of Greater Kansas City (an ecumenical group comprising of 18 Denominations), former Board Member of the Friends of Sacred Structures, Former United Way Board member, President of the Saving Grace Insurance Exchange, and Director of Colonnades of Beacon Hill LLC., In 2010, Bishop Tolbert became the Jackson County Sheriff's Department's chaplain, working along with Sheriff Mike Sharp and the deputies of Jackson County, Currently, he serves as a KCPD Police Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Tolbert is married to his beautiful wife, Emelda. Two children were born into their marriage, Mark, Jr. (deceased) and Britton.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Quinton Lucas, Mayor of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the citizens of this great city, do hereby recognize the work of Bishop Mark Tolbert and thank him for his commitment to Kansas City.

Quinton Donald Lucas