

State of Louisiana



Parish of Caddo

In the Name and By the Authority of The Caddo Parish Commission

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION for BISHOP ERIKA D. CRAWFORD

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission takes great pride in recognizing distinguished leaders who have demonstrated a lifetime of service, commitment, and faith; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Erika D. Crawford has been elected and consecrated as the 143rd Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and serves as the Presiding Prelate of the 8th Episcopal District, encompassing the states of Mississippi and Louisiana, marking a historic milestone as the first woman to lead an episcopal class in the AME Church; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Crawford's journey of leadership and devotion began at Bethel AME Church in Stamford, Connecticut, and she has faithfully served in pastorates across multiple states, including New York, New Jersey, and Delaware, guiding congregations toward spiritual growth, community development, and debt relief; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her pastoral accomplishments, Bishop Crawford has brought her dedication and expertise to various prominent roles, including Ecumenical and Interfaith Ministry Coordinator at Fordham University, Chaplain and Consultant for the New York Liberty Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), and Director of the Pastoral Care Department at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital; and

WHEREAS, her academic achievements, including a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management, a Master of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry, underscore her dedication to spiritual, intellectual, and social enrichment. Her postgraduate work at Oxford University further reflects her commitment to expanding her knowledge to better serve her communities; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Crawford has inspired and empowered women in ministry, having served two terms as the International President of AME Women in Ministry and undertaken numerous leadership roles in religious, civic, and educational organizations, including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., The Links, Inc., and the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, her election and new role bring her to the North Central Louisiana Annual Conference from November 7-9, hosted by St. Matthew AME Church, where she will receive honored guests and public officials on November 7, 2024, at 9 AM; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize, commend, and honor Bishop Erika D. Crawford for her exemplary leadership, steadfast commitment to ministry, and her dedication to serving communities throughout the 8th Episcopal District; and

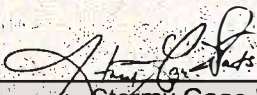
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join in celebrating her historic achievements and offer our heartfelt appreciation for her inspiring mission to promote spiritual, social, and economic development for all.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bishop Erika D. Crawford as a token of our highest esteem and admiration.

ATTEST:




John Paul Young
President


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Vice President


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