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## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

## HONORING THE ELEVATION OF BISHOP DAVID TODD WHITTLEY TO BISHOP AND HIS ONGOING SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

**WHEREAS,** Bishop Whittley is the youngest son of Elder Robert Whittley Sr. and Supervisor Mother Dr. LuVonia Whittley, who instilled in him the importance of honoring God, loving family, and serving in ministry; and

**WHEREAS,** Bishop Whittley is a product of Roosevelt University, with post graduate studies at C.H. Mason Theological Seminary, Trinity Christian College, and Moody Bible Institute; and

**WHEREAS,** Bishop Whittley is devoted husband to his beautiful and devoted wife of 25 years, Dr. Chandra Whittley. They are the proud parents of David Jonathan and Sydney Nicole; and

WHEREAS, After 15 successful years in the banking industry, David and Dr. Chandra Whittley founded Kingdom Financial Consultants, a faith-based firm that secured over \$15 million dollars in loans for clients in Chicago, Detroit, Peoria, Indiana and St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS,** In August 2004, at the passing of his grandfather - Auxiliary Bishop Bennie Allison, then Elder David Todd Whittley was appointed by Bishop Willie J. Chambliss to serve as Pastor of the historic Corinthian Temple Church of God in Christ. Since that celebrated moment, Bishop and First Lady Whittley have continued to lead with care, compassion, creativity and commitment to God's work and God's people. Their church is a model for effective congregational empowerment and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** Continuing the vision of Bishop Bennie Allison, Pastor Whittley serves as President of United for Better Living, providing a range of programs to address the spiritual, social, economic, and educational needs of individuals and families in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Bishop Whittley is the visionary, purpose-driven Chairman of the C.A.R.E. Project, a \$25 million economic development initiative on Chicago's West Side; and

**WHEREAS,** In the area of civic duty, Pastor Whittley serves as a Commissioner for the Chicago Public Building Commission (PBC), Chair of the 11th District Police Clergy Committee, Member of the Clergy Advisory Council for Congressman Danny K. Davis, Board Member Board Member for the Westside Community Development Corporation, and Board Member for the RUSH Alive Faith Network; and

**WHEREAS,** Bishop Whittley is no stranger to leadership in the Church of God in Christ, he serves in Illinois Midwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction as Program Chairman and Special Assistant to Jurisdictional Bishop Darrell L. Hines Sr., General Board Member to Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, On the national level he is noted for faithful service rendered in numerous capacities which include: Choir Director for the National Music Department, Vice-President and Secretary for the National AIM Chairpersons Network, Executive Committee Member for the General Council of Pastors and Elders and International Auxiliaries in Ministry, National Director for 10 years for Scholastic Motivation Ministries, and currently serving as Assistant Administrator for the Bishop's Advisory Board for the Men Perfecting Men Conference; and

**WHEREAS,** In April of 2021, Bishop David Todd Whittley was officially appointed by Presiding Bishop J. Drew Sheard, endorsed by the General Board and ratified by the General Assembly to serve as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Church of God in Christ.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners congratulate Bishop David Todd Whittley on his elevation to Bishop and recognize his exemplary accomplishments and express to him sincerest thanks and appreciation for his many contributions to his community, to Cook County, and to the lives of people in the region.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Bishop David Todd Whittley.