

Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEWIS CHAPEL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, founded on December 3, 1945, Lewis Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church began when a small group of Christians—many having relocated from East Texas—gathered at the home of King David and Beatrice Simms to organize a new church community grounded in faith, service, and love; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Reverend N.C. Hashaway, the congregation launched a building program in 1955, completing the church at 202 East Gutierrez Street in 1957 through the faithful perseverance, generosity, and labor of its members and the wider Santa Barbara community; and when construction funds were exhausted, the General Contractors of the City of Santa Barbara, moved by the members' faith and determination, stepped forward to complete the church in July 1957—a testament to the unity and goodwill that has long defined the Santa Barbara spirit; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Chapel has served as a cornerstone of faith and fellowship in Santa Barbara, offering baptisms, weddings, funerals, and other services to all—regardless of race, religion, or background—upholding its long-standing “open door” policy and reputation as a true community church; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 80 years, the congregation has demonstrated a deep and continuing commitment to service by supporting local organizations and initiatives—past and present—including the Santa Barbara Community Academy, the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, Casa Esperanza, the Family Service Agency, the Santa Barbara Food Bank, the NAACP, the Endowment for Youth, the George Washington Carver Scholarship Foundation, Sunday to Sunday Fellowship, and the Methodist Worship Service Exchange, among many others that have strengthened unity and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of its current pastor, Reverend Malcolm Patton, Jr., Lewis Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church celebrates 80 years of faith, fellowship, and community service, continuing to be a “light on the corner of Gutierrez and Santa Barbara Streets”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby congratulates Lewis Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on its 80th Anniversary and commends its members for eight decades of spiritual leadership and dedicated service to the residents of Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 13 day of January, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Mona Diaz
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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