



## RESOLUTION 1011

**A RESOLUTION honoring the Reverend Doctor W. L. Johnson, Sr., for his dedicated service as pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church.**

WHEREAS, the messengers of the 2022 Spring Session of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi are enjoying a time of worship, encouragement, and fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Spring Session is being held in the city of Canton, MS, the city in which the Rev. Doctor W. L. Johnson, Sr. has served as the pastor of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church for over fifty (50 years); and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor W. L. Johnson, Sr., has pastored other churches in and around the State of Mississippi that collectively add up to nearly sixty (60) years of pastoral service; and

WHEREAS, he has served in various capacities in the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, offering to it a model of morality and ministry, a paradigm for preaching and pulpit decorum and a demonstration of sacrificial service, pastoral mentorship and progressive-minded leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson continues to be a vital member of the convention, an avid supporter of its mission and a committed sponsor of its work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson has also served faithfully in the Madison County Baptist Association, attending its meetings, providing needed leadership, and supporting its causes; and

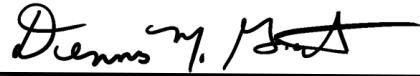
WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson preached his last sermon at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church on October 24, 2021, and gave all glory to God for the amazing ministry that unfolded between pastor and congregation, and;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the great gift that Dr. Johnson is to our convention and indeed recognize that his service to the convention and the church has been made possible by the loving support and prayers of his devoted wife, who, likewise, remains a jewel within GMBSC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Missionary Baptist State Convention, Inc., meeting in Canton, Mississippi, March 13-15, 2022 is indeed proud to honor the Reverend Doctor W. L. Johnson, Sr for his longevity of Pastoral leadership and his longtime commitment to preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving the people of God. Upon the occasion of his retirement on October 31, 2021, we are thankful to God for Dr. Johnson living a life of godly character and presenting himself as a living sacrifice through dedicated service to his congregation, his community, and the State of Mississippi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi honors the Johnson family and the congregation of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church for being examples of holiness, goodness, and humbleness that we can all follow.

**Humbly submitted on this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ 2022**



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**Dennis Grant, General Secretary  
General Missionary Baptist  
State Convention of Mississippi**



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**Reginald M. Buckley, President  
General Missionary Baptist  
State Convention of Mississippi**