



## SPECIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 01-2024

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### A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH BEND COMMON COUNCIL EXPRESSING ITS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE SIX (6) CHILDREN WHO PASSED IN A RECENT FIRE

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*Whereas*, a tragic fire swept through a home in South Bend on January 21, 2024; and

*Whereas*, six (6) children were unable to escape and passed because of that fire; and

*Whereas*, the victims included: Faith Smith (17 months); D'Angelo Smith (4 years); Deontay Smith (5 years); Davida Smith (9 years); Demetris Smith (10 years); and Angel Smith (11 years); and

*Whereas*, these deaths have united many in both grief and support for family and friends; and

*Whereas*, the South Bend Common Council joins in that grief and support by expressing its condolences.

*Now, Therefore, be it publicly and proudly Proclaimed as follows:*

Section I. The South Bend Common Council unites with others in grieving these tragic deaths.

Section II. The South Bend Common Council offers the children's family and friends its most sincere condolences.

Section III. May God provide you comfort.

*Signed and Approved this 5th Day of February 2024 in the City of South Bend, County of St. Joseph, in the State of Indiana.*

*Sharon L. McBride*

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Sharon McBride, President  
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