



**SPECIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 14-2024**

**A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION AWARDED BY SOUTH BEND COMMON COUNCIL  
THIRD DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE SHARON MCBRIDE**

*Whereas*, Rafael Morton is a proud graduate of LaSalle High School in South Bend, Indiana, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Advertising from the Indiana University – Bloomington School of Business; and

*Whereas*, he currently serve as a Senior Marketing and Sales Consultant at WSBT-TV, demonstrating expertise and leadership in marketing and sales; and

*Whereas*, he have shown exceptional dedication to public service as the President of the St. Joseph County Council, and previously served as Chairman of the Budget and Administration Committee and the Criminal Justice/Human Services Committee; and

*Whereas*, his commitment to the community is evident through his roles as a board member of St. Joseph County Community Corrections, REAL Services, and the Early Intervention Advisory Board, and as a member of the St. Joseph County Airport Authority Board; and

*Whereas*, he has contributed actively to the South Bend Downtown Rotary Club and has previously served on the boards of the YMCA of Michiana, Downtown South Bend Inc., and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for the Juvenile Justice Center; and

*Whereas*, Rafael Morton’s leadership extends to serving as the former Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the South Bend Housing Authority, and as Vice President Pro Tempore of the St. Joseph County Council;

*Whereas*, through a lifetime of professional excellence and dedicated community service, he has made significant contributions to the betterment of South Bend and St. Joseph County, inspiring others through his leadership and advocacy.

*Proclaimed this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2024 in the City of South Bend, County of St. Joseph, in the State of Indiana.*

Canneth Lee, 1<sup>st</sup> District Council Member  
South Bend Common Council

Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council Member  
South Bend Common Council

Sharon McBride, Council President & 3<sup>rd</sup> District Council Member  
South Bend Common Council

Troy Warner, 4<sup>th</sup> District Council Member  
South Bend Common Council

Sherry Bolden-Simpson, 5<sup>th</sup> District Council Member  
South Bend Common Council

Sheila Niezgodski, 6<sup>th</sup> District Council Member  
South Bend Common Council

Karen White, At-Large Council Member  
South Bend Common Council

Dr. Oliver Davis, At-Large Council Member  
South Bend Common Council

