



SPECIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 10-2024

A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION AWARDED BY SOUTH BEND COMMON COUNCIL
PRESIDENT AND THIRD DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, SHARON MCBRIDE
AND AT-LARGE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, KAREN L. WHITE.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOTHER ANNELL WATERS A LIFE TO
BE HONORED.

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT

Mother Annell Waters was blessed to live 97 years. Her journey, guided by faith, led her along a path of love, compassion, and service. May her legacy continue to inspire others to follow their own purpose-filled paths.

She truly exemplified the scripture of Proverbs 31:28 "Her children arise up and call her blessed."

Whereas, as President of the South Bend Common Council and Third District Representative Sharon McBride, and At-Large Representative Karen L. White are humbled to honor and officially recognize the many contributions of Mother Annell Waters to the South Bend community, residents and throughout the State of Indiana; and

Whereas, Mother Annell Waters, was born on June 20, 1927. Her earthly journey ended on June 24, 2024, and her spiritual journey began with the divine promises and the comforting assurance knowing that her earthly home was but a temporary pilgrimage toward everlasting life. Mother Waters dedicated her life to the service of others. She was a co-founder with her dear sister-in-law, the late Della Lutten, of Del's Daycare. She touched many lives of parents and children during this time and developed lifelong relationships as she enjoyed molding the lives of children; and

Whereas, Waters served the Saint Joseph County Foster Care Program for over 50 years. In her senior years, she served with the REAL Services Foster Grandparent Program until her failing health; and

Whereas, Mother Waters leaves a legacy of love, hope, and compassion to all who encountered her. Mother Waters worked tirelessly in our community to welcome women and children from all walks of life into her home. Mother Waters would feed the neighborhood children and opened her doors to provide a safe house for those in need. She never met a stranger and was a foster parent to countless children throughout the community. Mother Waters was a cherished member of our community, known for her unwavering faith, kindness, and dedication to serving others; and

Whereas, her presence among us brought warmth, wisdom, and inspiration to all who knew her, leaving an indelible mark on our hearts and community; and

Whereas, we honor Annell Waters for her steadfast commitment to her family, her church family, and her community, exemplifying the principles of love, compassion, and grace throughout her life. Romans 14:8 states, "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's"; and

Whereas, we commit to honoring Mother Waters' legacy by continuing her dedication of service, love, faith, as we strive to emulate her example of devotion to God and compassion for others



Now, Therefore, Be It Publicly and Proudly Proclaimed as follows:

Section I. It is our distinct honor to publicly commend and honor the life and service of Mother Annell Waters, for her innumerable contributions to our community. Especially her love for our children. Mother Annell Waters was truly remarkable. Not only did she love children, but she also shared her God-given gifts and talents with others. Her dedication as a pianist for Grace AME Zion Church, Second Baptist Church, and many others; and her faithful service as a foster parent for many years are a testament to her dedication and passion. May her music and commitment to service continue to resonate in the hearts of those who knew her.

Section II. The South Bend Common Council proudly commemorates and celebrates the life well lived and the legacy of Mother Annell Waters.

Section III. The South Bend Common Council offers Mother Waters' family and friends its most sincere condolences on her passing.

Section IV. May God and Mother Waters forever smile down on you.

Signed and Approved this 2nd Day of July 2024 in the City of South Bend, County of St. Joseph, in the State of Indiana.



Sharon L. McBride

Sharon L. McBride, Council President &
Third District Representative South Bend
Common Council

Karen L. White

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