

City of Framingham



The City Council of Framingham



ORDER NO. 2022-124 REQUEST OF COUNCILOR BRYANT AND MAYOR SISITSKY

UPON THE REQUEST OF COUNCILOR BRYANT AND MAYOR SISITSKY, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

A PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER FRAMINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

WHEREAS, the Greater Framingham Community Church in this, its Diamond Anniversary Year, for fifty (50) years of service and dedication to the City of Framingham; and the MetroWest Area; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Greater Framingham Community Church (GFCC) has occupied three locations in Framingham - always becoming a beneficent presence in the neighborhood. In 1972, GFCC began worshipping in the historic Nobscot Chapel, which was located on the corner of Edgell Rd & Water St. In 1992, the church purchased its first building at the intersection of Hartford & C Street. Rapidly expanding its membership and ministries, GFCC now resides at the corner of Franklin & Park Streets, in the heart of downtown Framingham; on the site of what was once Framingham's main post office; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Framingham Community Church is one of the most diverse congregations in the MetroWest Area, with a goal of empowering families and individuals to make a positive impact in their communities; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, the Greater Framingham Community Church has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life in Framingham; and

WHEREAS, GFCC consistently collaborates with the Framingham School Department, Framingham's city government, social agencies, businesses, civic, religious and community organizations - making Framingham more diverse, more welcoming and more responsive. And in the year 2000, established the New Vision Foundation to partner with community organizations and foundations to provide an array of community resources that enhance the quality of life in MetroWest; and

WHEREAS, GFCC's ongoing community outreach activities include being a conduit for Framingham's many social services, the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, the annual MLK Jr. Youth Conference, feeding the homeless and sheltered, practical assistance for those in need, prison ministry, tutorial

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services, community Vacation Bible School, mentoring opportunities, musical choirs and cultural events;
and

WHEREAS, GFCC regularly co-sponsors community events and continues to be a hub of emergency support in Framingham's fight against Food Insecurity and the COVID virus; continuing to hold free vaccine clinics, as well as offer free home test kits.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Framingham does hereby honor and celebrate the Greater Framingham Community Church's fifty years of commitment and service. We proclaim the Greater Framingham Community Church to be a venerable Framingham institution, a pillar of the community and a model of community service, for which we proffer our sincere admiration and gratitude.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRYANT AND MAYOR SISITSKY

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani,
Stefanini, Steiner, Stewart-Morales
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: All members were present in person
PASSED IN COUNCIL: November 15, 2022

A True Record, Attest:

11/17/22

Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily Butler, Assistant City Clerk

11/21/22

Date Approved

Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor