

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1890, Mount Zion Baptist Church opened its doors as a simple place of community, holding prayer services in the rooms of private homes; and

WHEREAS, after several decades of worshipping in different locations, in 1920, Mount Zion Baptist Church established its present day location on 19th and Madison; and

WHEREAS, during the 1960s, under the leadership of Reverend Samuel B. McKinney, Mount Zion Baptist Church developed its voice as an advocate for social justice; and

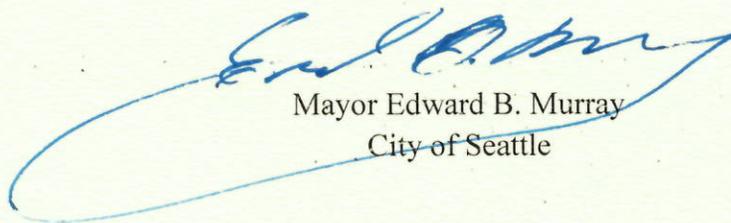
WHEREAS, Mount Zion Baptist Church is an advocate for educational excellence through the creation of early education programs and a nationally recognized scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, Mount Zion Baptist Church has played not only a spiritual and social role in Seattle, but also an economic development role through the establishment of the Northwest Baptist Federal Credit Union, granting loans to community members looking to grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Aaron Williams and his wife, Michelle, have led the congregation since 2008, and their leadership has nurtured and promoted the history, values, and spirituality that has come to define the Mount Zion Baptist Church and the Central District community;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 11, 2015 TO BE

125th Anniversary of Mount Zion Baptist Church


Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle

