

**BY:** M. of A. Sayegh

**CONGRATULATING** the World Mission Society Church of God upon the occasion of its 61st Anniversary

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those faith-based institutions that have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to spiritual growth, community service, and humanitarian efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the World Mission Society Church of God upon the occasion of its 61st Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** The World Mission Society Church of God, founded in 1964 by Ahn Sahng Hong, has devoted itself to the teachings of love, unity, and service, growing into a global faith community with members in over 175 countries, including numerous congregations throughout the State of New York in locations like Albany, New Windsor, Rochester, Syracuse, and Long Island; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the past 61 years, the World Mission Society Church of God has made a profound impact on communities by leading thousands of charitable initiatives, including disaster relief efforts, environmental protection campaigns, blood drives, and programs to aid the underserved, exemplifying the teachings of God the Mother; and

**WHEREAS,** In New York, the church and its volunteers have been deeply engaged in improving the quality of life for residents through numerous outreach programs, including through ASEZ (Save the Earth from A-Z), ASEZ STAR (Students Take Action Right Now), and ASEZ WAO (We Are One), which serve as the international young volunteer group from the World Mission Society Church of God that partner with local governments and groups for environmental cleanups; and

**WHEREAS,** The church's members have dedicated themselves to upholding principles of faith, kindness, and goodwill, fostering a spirit of harmony and unity among individuals of diverse backgrounds while promoting moral and ethical values in society; and

**WHEREAS,** The 61st Anniversary of the World Mission Society Church of God is a momentous occasion that serves as an opportunity to reflect on its enduring legacy of faith and service, and to express appreciation for the church's invaluable contributions to the State of New York and beyond; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the World Mission Society Church of God upon the occasion of its 61st Anniversary; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the leadership of the World Mission Society Church of God.