

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Offered by Councilor Kenzie Bok

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE RT. REV. GAYLE E. HARRIS FOR 20 YEARS AS SUFFRAGAN BISHOP IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

- WHEREAS,** Bishop Gayle Elizabeth Harris was elected Bishop Suffragan in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts on June 1, 2002 and consecrated Bishop January 18, 2003 at Trinity Church in the City of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** She succeeded the Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris, first woman bishop in the Anglican Communion, marking the first occasion on which a woman bishop succeeded another woman bishop in office, and making Bishop Gayle E. Harris the eleventh woman bishop consecrated in the Episcopal Succession; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Over her twenty years of ministry as a Bishop Suffragan in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Bishop Harris has anchored her work in the pursuit of justice and the inclusion of all people within the beloved community, including those who are often excluded and dispossessed; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Bishop Harris has been a devoted pastor to the clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, and dedicated to developing their pastoral capacities in turn; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Bishop Harris has helped lead several of the charitable endeavors of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts that most directly serve its poorest residents, including the Boston Episcopal Charitable Society and Episcopal City Mission; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Bishop Harris has convened the Episcopal Bishops of African Descent and has served as chaplain to Boston's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast, continuing to give prophetic voice to the need for our society to repent the sin of racism and rebuild more just social structures; **NOW,**
THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council congratulates Bishop Gayle E. Harris on her twenty years of ministry as a Bishop Suffragan to the residents of Boston and the region, thanks her for her particular attention to the "least, lost, and left out," and wishes her continuing strength and joy in her ordained vocation; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED:** That this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

Filed on: January 17, 2023

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Offered by: Kenzie Bok
Clerk of the City of Boston

Date: January 18, 2023