

Proclamation of the City of San Pablo

Honoring Reverend Dr. Otha Johnson for the Occasion of his

103RD BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Otha Johnson was born on February 27, 1923, in Haynesville, Louisiana, and has reached the extraordinary milestone of 103 years of life, leadership, and service; and

WHEREAS, he served his country honorably in the United States Army during World War II, stationed in New Guinea, and received an Honorable Discharge in 1944; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to Oakland, California, he became an active community leader and went on to be ordained in 1955, beginning a long and impactful career in pastoral leadership; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson served as Assistant Pastor of Star Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and, in 1975, was called to lead Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church in San Pablo, California, where he served as Senior Pastor for more than 30 years before retiring as Pastor Emeritus in 2019; and

WHEREAS, he furthered his education through Merritt College, Bay Cities Bible Institute, and the Union of Theological Seminary, earning degrees in higher education and theology; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life he has mentored ministers, supported civic and ministerial organizations, served more than 30 years as a federal civil servant, and built a lasting family legacy as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, Mayor of the City of San Pablo, on behalf of the City Council, do extend our heartfelt congratulations and deepest admiration to Reverend Dr. Otha Johnson on the occasion of his 103rd birthday, and we join with loved ones in celebrating this extraordinary achievement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Pablo to be affixed this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, Mayor