

**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 – 1:00 P.M.  
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
324 WEST EVANS STREET  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**d. Resolution No. 2023-42**

A Resolution of Recognition for Pastor Ralph Canty, Sr.

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**These items may be added to the September 11, 2023 City Council agenda by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.**

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** September 11, 2023  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** City Council  
Sponsored by Councilwoman Lethonia Barnes

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

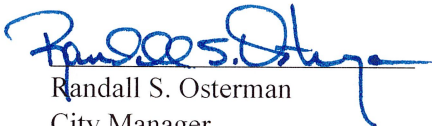
A Resolution of Recognition for Pastor Ralph Canty, Sr.

**II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Pastor Ralph Canty, Sr. has pastored Savannah Grove Baptist Church for 55 years.
2. Pastor Canty is one of the longest serving Pastors at one location in Florence.
3. Savannah Grove Baptist Church is one of the largest African American Churches in the Pee Dee.

**III. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Resolution

  
Randall S. Osterman  
City Manager

(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)  
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CITY OF FLORENCE)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-42**

**A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR PASTOR RALPH CANTY, SR.**

- WHEREAS,** known as a leader of all leaders, Pastor Ralph Canty, Sr. came to Florence at the young age of 19 to initiate change in the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Canty joined Savannah Grove Baptist Church in Effingham in 1968 where his leadership has led the church to become the largest African American church in the Pee Dee; and
- WHEREAS,** having pastored Savannah Grove Baptist Church for 55 years, Pastor Canty is one of the longest serving Pastors at one location in Florence; and
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Canty is known as a preacher's preacher by serving as a mentor to lay people and other pastors in Florence and the surrounding area; and
- WHEREAS** Pastor Canty's leadership and service did not go unnoticed. Ebony Magazine recognized him for being the youngest National Progressive Baptist President and listed him as one of the 100 most influential black men in America; and
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Canty has been progressive in the community. He hired the first full-time African American Christian Education minister in Florence, started a successful literacy program for students in the community and started a program that assisted relief to those experiencing hard times; and
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Canty is a true servant leader and his wisdom and knowledge has affected the lives of many through his preaching, teaching and leadership and with his loving words of encouragement.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the City Council of the City of Florence, does hereby recognize Pastor Ralph Canty, Sr. for his positive impact on the community and celebrates his 55 years of service to Savannah Grove Baptist Church.

**RESOLVED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.**

Approved as to form:

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BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER  
CITY ATTORNEY

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TERESA MYERS ERVIN  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CASEY C. MOORE  
MUNICIPAL CLERK