

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF  
BISHOP DR. PRESTON ROLLE, SR**

**WHEREAS**, Preston Rolle was born February 15, 1931 to Lemual and Ellenora Rolle in Old Brite, Cat Island, Bahamas. He received his early education in Old Brite and at the age of 17 moved to the island of Nassau, Bahamas. There he enrolled and graduated from the Dover Center Trade School; and

**WHEREAS**, On September 8, 1949, at the young age of 17, Brother Rolle was saved and received the gift of Holy Ghost under the leadership of Bishop Forbes. He was called and chosen by God to go forth and preach the gospel. He gladly accepted his calling and faithfully went about the business of doing God's work; and

**WHEREAS**, As he spread the word about Jesus, Bishop Rolle dedicated time and energy into assisting with the establishment of the Apostolic Faith in the Bahamas, He later immigrated to the United States to Bel-Glade, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, After relocating to Orlando, Florida, Bishop Rolle joined The Apostolic Church of Jesus, under the pastoral guidance of then Elder (Bishop) James Mims. In June 1961, Bishop Rolle, Sr. was installed as pastor of The Apostolic Church of Jesus, in Altamonte Springs, Florida, by then Overseer E. L. Sherod; and

**WHEREAS**, Through fasting and praying, God revealed a plan to Bishop Rolle of how to get the finances for construction. Monthly rallies, bake sales, fish fries, dinner sales, candy apple sales, etc. was the plan and was followed faithfully from July 1975-February 1977. He built the church debt free; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Rolle was inducted into the Apostolic Church of Jesus Hall of Fame in 2002 and received a Honorary Doctorate Degree of Divinity in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Rolle was the Pastor of the Apostolic Church of Jesus, Inc., Fellowship Ministries in Altamonte Springs, Florida and in 2016 he was elected as the presiding Chief Apostle of the Apostolic Churches of Jesus, Inc. For over 55 years he dedicated his life to serving the Lord and spreading his word to all who will listen; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Rolle established Apostolic Church of Jesus churches in Nassau, Bahamas, Lagos, Nigeria, and Davenport, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Rolle established organized food pantries and community outreach programs for Apostolic Church of Jesus Fellowship Ministries and local communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Seminole Board of County Commissioners, do hereby celebrate the life and legacy of Bishop Dr. Preston Rolle, Sr.

**ADOPTED** this 23rd Day of July 2024



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**Jay Zembower, Chairman  
Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners**