



Office of the
Orange County Mayor

Resolution

WHEREAS, Reverend Edward Martínez, was born on July 13, 1950, in Brooklyn, New York, to Juanita and Gerardo Martínez who instructed him from childhood in the ways of the Lord; and

WHEREAS, at the tender age of six Reverend Edward Martínez excelled in the memorization of the Psalms, reciting them at church garnering him the nick name the Psalmist; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Edward Martínez dedicated his life to God at an early age and served as a Sunday school teacher at the age of 12, youth president after graduating high school, and attended the Bible Institute of the Assemblies of God, in Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Edward Martínez met and married a fellow student and love of his life, Raquel Gómez, in 1971, sharing nearly fifty years together and raising their beautiful family;

WHEREAS, Reverend Edward Martínez moved to Orlando in 1975, and became the first Hispanic Pastorate of the Bethany Church, the first Hispanic Assemblies of God church in the area when he was 24 years old serving there for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Edward Martínez was a devout man of faith, a giving person who delighted in administering weekly services, children and youth programs, food, clothing, and gift drives, counseling, and many other activities and events to enrich the community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Edward Martínez recently passed away and is survived by his wife, four children, loving grandchildren, friends, and colleagues who respected and loved him for his guidance, kind heart, and dedicated service to the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners to extend to the family of Reverend Edward Martínez its sincere sympathy during this time of sorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners:

Section 1. That this memorial resolution recognizes the commitment and 47 years of dedicated service of Reverend Edward Martínez; and

Section 2. That this resolution be presented to the family of Reverend Edward Martínez as a testimonial of the esteem in which he was held by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and the residents of Orange County, Florida.

DONE AND ORDERED this 4th day of April, 2021.

JERRY L. DEMINGS, ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

