

**RESOLUTION BY THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS HONORING  
BISHOP OSCO E. GARDIN, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, on December 3, 1995, Bishop Osco E. Gardin, Jr., became the Pastor-Elect of the Historic Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, he has lead the Historic Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church for 30 years, expanding and growing its ministry and community service; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Gardin has been for many years and continues to be very involved as a leader in his community, and he has been recognized for his service and leadership to his community through the years in various ways, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Appointed in 1998 to the Union Regional Medical Center Board and was honored with the Key to the City of Monroe;
2. Began serving as Chaplain for the Monroe Police Department in 1999;
3. Founded the Union County Martin Luther King, Jr., Banquet in 2001 and helped in the dedication of Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard;
4. Under his leadership, the Union Baptist Association was integrated in 2005;
5. Founded the New Covenant Community Development Center (NCCDC) establishing a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to community uplift, education, and advocacy;
6. Appointed Chaplain for the North Carolina Highway Patrol;
7. Consecrated to the Office of Bishop in 2013;
8. Appointed Prelate of United Covenant Churches International; and
9. Received the Presidential Volunteer Award in 2022 recognizing his commitment to service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that** the Union County Board of Commissioners expresses its appreciation to and recognizes Bishop Osco E. Gardin, Jr., for his visionary leadership rooted in faith, education, community engagement, and economic development as he celebrates his 30<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary and looks forward to his continued leadership and community involvement in the future.

**Adopted on this 2nd day of March 2026.**

**ATTEST:**

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Lynn G. West, Clerk to  
Union County Board of Commissioners

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Brian W. Helms, Chair