



**PROCLAMATION #PRO2022-03
IN HONOR OF
REVEREND Paul E. C. Hamilton**

WHEREAS, The Reverend Paul E. C. Hamilton is about to embark on his 50th anniversary to the Ordination to the Priesthood; and

WHEREAS, Father Paul has been a Parish Priest in 15 Parishes, served in five hospitals and has had a distinguished teaching career in six colleges or seminaries. He has been a Psychotherapist and Drug Counselor in three renowned clinics and founded three well-known not-for-profit corporations in 1988, 2001 and 2021. His private psychotherapy practice, now in its 43rd year, has changed the lives of couples, families, individuals and clergy alike; and

WHEREAS, Father Paul spearheaded the development of Dunnellon Community Services, a non-profit organization that offers free health care clinics; welcomed a group of Jewish women looking for a place to hold services; honored local heroes at the 25th Anniversary of September 11th; and launched a Spanish ministry at the Church of Holy Faith. Father Paul firmly believes “the church exists to serve people outside itself”; and

WHEREAS, under Father Paul’s administrative leadership the Church of Holy Faith raised \$7,300 for missionary work in Bor, South Sudan and is currently overseeing the expansion of the existing church building to accommodate both religious and community services; and

WHEREAS, Father Paul is a positive force in the Dunnellon community, which is evident by his involvement with the Dunnellon Chamber and Business Association, as well as the Food Pantry he offers for people in need; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Paul E. C. Hamilton commemorates his 50th anniversary being known by his many titles of priest, doctor, psychotherapist, drug counselor, professor, headmaster, founder and international guide. He has a broad and rich career serving as a healer, pastor, mentor, educator and inspiration to countless New Yorkers, Floridians and International Christians. Many can and will testify to his influence and devotion to the church along with his dedication to personal and institutional wholeness; and

WHEREAS, Father Paul will be celebrated on March 25th by his church family, friends and communities from all around for the services and sacrifices made by this outstanding religious servant. We commend him for his steadfast Christian leadership over the years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RECOGNIZED The Dunnellon City Council honors the 50th Anniversary of Reverend Paul E.C. Hamilton and proclaims Friday, March 25, 2022 as “**Father Paul E. C. Hamilton Day**” within the City of Dunnellon and urges the citizens of Dunnellon to acknowledge the occasion of this day. He has earned the respect and affection of the residents and friends of Dunnellon.

PASSED AND PROCLAIMED this 21st DAY OF MARCH 2022.

Dunnellon City Council

William P. White, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Amanda L. Odom, CMC
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