

A PROCLAMATION SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS

RE: CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAMMY
NOMINATED VAR-SON COMMUNITY CHOIR, INC.

WHEREAS, The Var-Son Community Choir, Inc. was created through the inspiration of Carol Varner and Dallas Thompson, two young talented and gifted musicians who sought to achieve their own musical success by forming their respective groups the "Carol Varner Ensemble" and the "Dallas Thompson Singers"; and

WHEREAS, the Var-Son Community Choir, Inc. was formed in 1966 through co-founders Carol Varner, Dallas Thompson, Wesley Webb, Jr. and Tommy L. Williams, the group became an immediate success and recorded two singles "Help" and "He'll fix it for you" before signing to Rev. Isaac Douglas' 'Savory Gospel' label; and

WHEREAS, the Var-Son Community Choir, Inc. has been blessed to work with Gospel legend the late Rev. Dr. James Cleveland, in 1967 the group participated in the first convening of the "Gospel Music Workshop of America" in Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Var-Son Community Choir, Inc. went on to record with Gospel legend Dorothy Norwood in 1972, other notable legends the group has worked with include Dr. Bobby Jones, Sis. Albertina Walker, Edwin Walter & Tremaine Hawkins, Ricky Dillard and the New Generation Singers, Hezekiah Walker and the Love Fellowship Choir and Rev. John P. Kee and the New Life Community Choir, just to name a few; and

***WHEREAS**, the Var-Son Community Choir, Inc. has been blessed with the opportunity to spread their music ministry across the United States and Internationally, recording three albums and numerous Billboard chart topping music singles, the group was nominated for a Grammy Award for their first recorded album entitled “No One Gets The Prize For Eternal Life”.*

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE,

***RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature goes on record to honor the Var-Son Community Choir, Inc. for their 50 years in Gospel music ministry and wishes them continued success as they ‘Live the Legacy’.*