

CR-5 Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke, Fairfax County

Whereas, St. Andrew's grew in mission and in membership from St. Christopher's, Springfield, and continued ministry in the Burke and Springfield area; and

Whereas, St. Andrew's first worship service was held at Burke Elementary School on December 3, 1972; and

Whereas, St. Andrew's owes a debt of gratitude to St. James the Less, Ashland, for its contribution to the Diocesan Missionary Society in the amount of \$100,000, due in part to the success of the famous racehorses Secretariat and Riva Ridge, which enabled the construction of St. Andrew's, Burke; and

Whereas, St. Andrew's has grown through the years to be an active and thriving community with an enduring commitment to worship, music, formation, stewardship, outreach, and fellowship; and

Whereas, St. Andrew's has welcomed the community's children into its vibrant and caring preschool since its founding in 1985; and

Whereas, at the 195th Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia, St. Andrew's moved from mission to church status; and

Whereas, St. Andrew's has been blessed by the devoted leadership of its three Rectors, the Reverend Randall L. Prior, the Reverend Timothy R. Heflin, and the Reverend William L. Packard, and the clergy, staff, Vestry, and lay volunteers who have supported them; and

Whereas, St. Andrew's has demonstrated resilience and persistence throughout its 50 years, including a public health emergency; and

Whereas, on November 20, 2022, the congregation of St. Andrew's will celebrate St. Andrew's Day with a Service of Thanksgiving for their 50 years of positive influence in the Northern Virginia community and the many different ministries by which they have helped to carry the Gospel.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the 228th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia congratulate and offer its prayers to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Be it further resolved, that the 228th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia send a presentation copy of this resolution to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Respectfully submitted,
St. Andrew's Vestry, Burke, Virginia