BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION OF HONOR AND RECOGNITION

IN HONOR OF THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF MORROW FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND ESTABLISHING "MORROW FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DAY".

WHEREAS: Morrow First United Methodist Church has been a faithful and enduring presence in the City of Morrow since 1865, providing spiritual leadership, community support, and a foundation of service that has stood for 160 years; and

WHEREAS: In 1865, area residents gathered under a brush arbor constructed on land owned by Radford E. Morrow, beginning a tradition of faith and fellowship that would shape the city's identity for generations; and

WHEREAS: In 1868, the place of worship was named William's Chapel in memory of William Harrison Morrow, and by 1870, Radford E. Morrow deeded one acre of land and donated lumber for a permanent structure, marking the formal founding of William's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS: The church's name and facilities evolved over the decades, reflecting both physical expansion and deeper integration into the fabric of Morrow: from Morrow Methodist Church in 1935 to Morrow United Methodist Church in 1968, and finally, Morrow First United Methodist Church Inc. in 2000; and

WHEREAS: The church has consistently invested in ministry and outreach, from constructing educational wings and fellowship halls to supporting Scouting and youth programs, always with the intent of serving both the congregation and the broader community; and

WHEREAS: Through 160 years of faith, sacrifice, and service, Morrow First United Methodist Church has exemplified devotion to Jesus Christ and compassionate commitment to the people of Morrow;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **John J. Lampl II**, Mayor of the City of Morrow, join with the city council and all members of the community, do hereby PROCLAIM **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025, AS MORROW FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DAY** IN THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA and encourage all citizens to join in recognizing and celebrating the remarkable legacy, spiritual leadership, and community impact of this historic church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Morrow to be affixed this 28th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

John J. Lampl II, Mayor

Attest: Victor Aguilar
Victor Aguilar, City Clerk