

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing

Nashville Children's Choir

WHEREAS, Nashville Children's Choir is a regional music program in residence at Belmont University. Nashville Children's Choir includes three sequenced choirs for choristers in grades 3 through 8: the Preparatory Choir, the Concert Choir and the Touring Choir, plus the Nashville Youth Choir for choristers in grades 9 through 12.

WHEREAS, the Touring Choir fills a dual role as a quality choral organization and as an ambassador of good will, having performed with the Nashville Ballet, the Nashville Opera, the Nashville Symphony and local recording artists including Joe Diffie, Reba McEntire, Michael W. Smith and Jennifer Nettles. Destinations for the Touring Choir have included New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Toronto, Atlanta and Boston. The Touring Choir has made several national television appearances including *CMA Christmas* and the acclaimed *Christmas at Belmont*. The Nashville Children's Choir has enjoyed prestigious invitations to perform at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, the New Orleans Jazz festival and national conferences of music educators. This thirtieth anniversary season concludes by participating in the Costa Rica International Choral Festival for Peace in June;

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 11, 2019, the Nashville Children's Choir will celebrate 30 years in an anniversary performance at Nashville First Baptist Church. Alumni will join and sing with the choirs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Madeline Bridges is retiring after conducting the Nashville Children's Choir for 29 years, inspiring young voices and leading hundreds of choristers since 1990.

therefore

I, Council Member Freddie O'Connell, being a Member of the Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee, do hereby recognize the Nashville Children's Choir for its 30 years of service to young singers in the Nashville and Middle Tennessee community, its musical excellence, and this thirtieth Anniversary musical performance.

I further recognize and honor Dr. Madeline Bridges for nearly three decades of devoted leadership, enriching the lives of children through quality choral music, and her musical excellence as Co-conductor of the Touring Choir and Program Director of the Nashville Children's Choir Program.