Resolution of Support and a Call to Unity for Bishop Gregory Brewer’s Leadership During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Whereas, our Diocesan Bishop recently shared “DIOCESAN COVID PRECAUTIONS UPDATE – OCTOBER 9, 2020” with the clergy of the Diocese of Central Florida, the Diocesan Board, and the Standing Committee; and

Whereas, Article VII of the Constitutions and Canons of the Diocese of Central Florida identifies the Bishop, the Standing Committee, the Convention, the Diocesan Board, and other officers as sharing in the Management of Affairs of our Diocese; and

Whereas, the Bishop in executing his Ecclesiastical Authority over all spiritual affairs of the Diocese has been steadfast in his provision of care to the Diocese of Central Florida; and

Whereas, those charged with the Management of Affairs of our Diocese have a responsibility to uphold our Bishop in prayer; and

Whereas, those charged with the Management of Affairs of our Diocese also have a responsibility to support our Bishop in exercising his duty of care concerning the Diocese; and

Whereas, the Bishop has continuously brought to light to those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and our Christian duty to protect and care for our neighbor; and

Whereas, Holy Scripture support the promotion of public health, the prevention of disease, and care for the poor (Leviticus 14); and

Whereas, many of our congregations and members have been negatively impacted by COVID-19; and

Whereas, the Bishop attests, “...I bear the final responsibility to protect our flock. That is a responsibility I must not neglect”; therefore, it is

Resolved, that the Diocesan Board expresses gratitude for the manner in which the Bishop has faithfully executed his duty of care in promoting public health and safety during the COVID-19 epidemic; and

Resolved, that the Diocesan Board is thankful for the safeguards promulgated by the Bishop to protect our Diocese; and

Resolved, that the Diocesan Board is of one mind with the Bishop’s promulgated guidance and call for unity within the Diocese on these issues; and

Resolved, that the Diocesan Board exhorts all within the Diocese to comply with all promulgated guidance out of obedience and our Christian duty of care to our neighbor; and

Resolved, that the Diocesan Board is hopeful that others, including all with a duty concerning the Management of Affairs of our Diocese, join us in unity to affirm the importance of the Bishop’s guidance and prayers for cooperation and compliance with all guidance concerning COVID-19 precautions during this pandemic.

Adopted at a meeting of the Diocesan Board of the Diocese of Central Florida on October 15, 2020 in Orlando, Florida.