

WHEREAS, In 2018, Pastor CJ Walter and husband David Range are celebrating thirty-nine years of marriage, thirty-seven years in the ordained ministry and thirty-seven years of parenthood; and

WHEREAS, Co-pastoring for twenty years in Jamaica and Ireland, allowed them to combine marriage, ministry and parenting into a seamless experience while their two boys were young; and

WHEREAS, Pastor CJ Walter and her husband have been serving separately at Cokesbury United Methodist Church in Margate and Miramar United Methodist Church for the past thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Their oldest son Micah lives in New Jersey with his wife Jessica and their children, Emily and Samuel. Their youngest son Benjamin is currently in a Master's program at Drexel in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The family enjoys traveling, reading aloud, and extending hospitality with great conversation around the dinner table; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Cokesbury and the family kindly supported Pastor CJ through completion of the Doctorate of Ministry degree in Leadership Excellence at Wesley Theological Seminary. Her focus of study was on cultivating a united, intentionally diverse leadership in the church; and

WHEREAS, In November 2013, Pastor CJ was privileged to meet with seven other community leaders to form MICAH: Margate Initiative for Community Action and Hope. MICAH is an alliance of schools, service organizations and houses of worship. MICAH's goal is to strengthen the social fabric of the City, with special attention to veterans, children and youth; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the entire City Commission, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Pastor CJ Walter for her dedication to serving the multi-cultural community of Cokesbury United Methodist Church and the City of Margate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arlene R. Schwartz, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 20, 2018, as:

"PASTOR CJ WALTER DAY"

in the City of Margate, and urge all citizens to join me in acknowledging Pastor CJ Walter on an outstanding career and expressing our sincere appreciation for her contributions to the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 20th day of June, 2018.

ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Joanne Simone