

# City of Boston

IN

## CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR CHARLES C. YANCEY

### LAVERT STUART

WHEREAS: Jazz, gospel, and traditional church musician, Lavert Stuart, is organist and choir director at Cleveland, Ohio's Antioch Baptist Church, which held its first organized worship service on January 12, 1893; and

WHEREAS: Stuart began his long journey into the ministry of music in the summer of 1965 at Mt. Zion Congregational Church in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS: Stuart, who has performed at churches, banquets, recitals, and nursing homes throughout Cleveland, has also performed in various cities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS: Stuart served as director of music at the Sutphen School of Music, in Cleveland for 25 years; and

WHEREAS: Stuart, who is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, and who is a member of the American Guild of Organists, is also an accomplished classical and jazz musician, who is comfortable performing works by artists such as Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn; and

WHEREAS: Stuart was the featured pianist in Phillip Hayes Dean's biographical performance of Paul Robeson; and

WHEREAS: Stuart was instrumental in establishing and developing both the Black Heritage Trail and the Boston 200 Bicentennial celebration in the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS: Stuart is a long time and passionate supporter of the Antioch Development Corporation, whose mission is to develop personal and collective self-sufficiency within individuals, families and organizations throughout impoverished neighborhoods of Greater Cleveland; Be It Therefore

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, honors Lavert Stuart for 45 years of providing spiritual leadership through music ministry, for providing community service in the Cities of Boston and Cleveland, and for his significant commitment to developing interest and knowledge in Black heritage and culture.



By: [Signature]  
President of the City Council

Attest: [Signature]  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: September 22, 2010