

WHEREAS, on November 17, 1911, Omega Psi Phi was founded at Howard University located in Washington D.C.; the Fraternity was incorporated in the District of Columbia on October 28, 1914; and

WHEREAS, The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (the Fraternity), Inc. was the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college; and

WHEREAS, the Fraternity comes from the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, "friendship is essential to the soul"; and

WHEREAS, the Fraternity played a vital role during the United States World War I in 1917; and

WHEREAS, the Fraternity built a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, the Tau Omega Chapter (Tau Omega) was established and chartered by the Fraternity's Supreme Council on June 12, 1923; and

WHEREAS, the Tau Omega is the third chapter in the Fraternity's Sixth District and the first graduate chapter in North Carolina; and has contributed to the Greensboro community for the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, The Tau Omega was initially comprised of Greensboro and Winston-Salem primarily, but later included High Point, Burlington, Reidsville, Siler City, and surrounding areas of the Triad; and

WHEREAS, Brother Jasper Alston Atkins, served as the 9th Grand Basileus of the Fraternity from 1921-1924; during this time he orchestrated the fraternity into five districts; appointed "District Representatives" ; created the Vice Grand Basileus position at the 11th Annual Grand Conclave (Philadelphia, PA, 1922); and created the Omega Talent Hunt contest giving equal opportunity to African American youths; and

WHEREAS, the Tau Omega held the first District Meeting in Greensboro on March 26, 1929; and

WHEREAS, the Fraternity has 13 Districts across the globe; recognizing Tau Omega as a keystone to the organization's growth at the critical time of its establishment and by the men who led the Chapter; and

WHEREAS, The Tau Omega Chapter has activated chapters within Omega including Mu Psi (NC A&T State University, 1927); PSI Phi (Winston-Salem, NC, 1932); Beta Kappa Kappa (High Point, NC, 1994); Sigma Chi (Reidsville, NC, 1955); Delta Lambda Lambda (Burlington, NC, 2000); and Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter (University Of NC at Greensboro, 2004); and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Vaughan, Mayor of the City of Greensboro, do hereby proclaim the week of June 12 through June 18 a time of recognition of the 100th celebration of

TAU OMEGA CHAPTER, The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated,

In Greensboro, North Carolina and commend the efforts of this significant organization for its service and dedication to the cause of those in need in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
hereunto set my hand and cause
the corporate seal of the City of
Greensboro to be affixed, this the
6th day of June, 2023.