



WHEREAS, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., by Professor Ernest E. Just and students Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper, and Frank Coleman, became the first international fraternity established on a historically Black college campus; and,

WHEREAS, the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was officially chartered on March 8, 1950, in Gastonia by a distinguished group of twelve visionary men, including Leon L. Adams, Moses A.E. Blair, Glendell N. Brooks, Edward W. Draughan, Eugene L. Dunn, James F. Foxx, Oscar M. Graham, Thebaud Jeffers, George E. Miller, Carl M. Roberts, Fredrick Smith, and J. Herman Twitty, who sought to establish a home for Omega Men in Gaston, Cleveland, and Lincoln Counties; and,

WHEREAS, under the leadership of its founder, Brother Oscar M. Graham, the chapter was formed to foster the principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift, and quickly established itself as a vital force in the community; and,

WHEREAS, over the past seventy-five years, the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter has played a significant role in leadership in the fraternity's "Mighty Sixth District", producing representatives, finance officers, and committee leaders, while also celebrating the accomplishments of its members, including two city mayors, five municipal elected officials, a city treasurer, two judges, a school superintendent, an assistant superintendent, and numerous other leaders in education and public service; and,

WHEREAS, the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter has steadfastly upheld the principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity by recognizing academic excellence, awarding scholarships to deserving students, supporting community programs both financially and through service, and continuously leveraging its influence to uplift and empower the communities it serves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and commend the

*Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.*

upon the occasion of its 75th anniversary and urges all citizens to join in celebrating the chapter's invaluable contributions to our community.

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Chad Brown, Chairman

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To be Adopted the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2025