

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated* was founded on January 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. by five coeds, Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl Anna Neal, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings, Fannie Pettie Watts; and

**WHEREAS**, *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated* is a community-conscious, action-oriented organization that stands on the principles of scholarship, service, sisterhood and finer womanhood; and

**WHEREAS**, today *Zeta Phi Beta's* international and local programs include the endowment of its national educational foundation, community outreach services, and support of multiple affiliate organizations in which *Zeta* sisters have given countless hours of voluntary service to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarships, support organized charities and promote legislation for social and civic change; and

**WHEREAS**, *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated* has adopted an international service program, *Z-HOPE* (*Zetas Helping Other People Excel*) that is viable for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and which meets critical societal needs through a holistic outreach program to enhance, cultivate and empower participants to develop health-promoting lifestyle choices in all stages of life, and whose initiatives are *Adopt-A-School, Autism Awareness, Eldercare, Stork's Nest, Zeta Prematurity Awareness Program, International Women of Color, Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness*; and

**WHEREAS**, *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated* works in partnerships with *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Refuge System), AARP, American Cancer Society, the March of Dimes, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Women Veterans Rock*; and

**WHEREAS**, *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Nu Xi Zeta Chapter* was chartered in the City of Alexandria, Virginia on November 29, 1986, to extend the reach of *Zeta's* service and programs to the benefit of Alexandria residents; and

**WHEREAS**, *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Nu Xi Zeta Chapter* provides a biennial award of *Direct Community Support* for local organizations, including previous awardees *Project Discovery, ALIVE!, Community Lodgings, Virginia Leadership Institute, The Campagna Center, Young Lives, Women Veterans Interactive, and ADORE Children and Family Services*; and

**WHEREAS**, *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Nu Xi Zeta Chapter* founded the *Nu Xi Zeta H.A.V.E. (Helping Alexandria Virginia Excel) Foundation* in 2010, and since inception and has awarded \$45,000.00 in annual scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated, Nu Xi Zeta Chapter* has partnered and volunteered with *ALIVE!, Community Lodgings, Carpenters Shelter, OAR, Alexandria Domestic Violence Program and Assault Center, Meals on Wheels, Project Discovery, Campagna Center, AARP, State Farm, Northern Virginia Urban League Young Professionals Network and the Nauck Community*; and

**WHEREAS**, *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Nu Xi Zeta chapter* has hosted an annual *Read Across America Day* in partnership with the *Alexandria Library* in support of youth and family literacy and has established youth auxiliaries to mentor young women; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated* have gathered together from around the world in celebration of *100 Years of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood* during their *Founders' Centennial Weekend*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby welcome all participants, including the 25th International President of *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Valerie Hollingsworth Baker, and past Presidents, Mary Breaux Wright, Sheryl P. Underwood, Dr. Barbara West Carpenter, Dr. Jylla Moore Tearte, Dr. Edith V. Francis; the Eastern Regional Director, Donna W. Jordan; and the Commonwealth of Virginia State Director, Danielle May, and congratulate all the Sisters of Zeta Phi Beta on its many significant accomplishments.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

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**MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON**  
On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk