## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** the Psi Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the Northern Virginia National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) continue their missions to positively change their local community by recognizing the month of June as Black Fathers and Mentors Month; and

**WHEREAS,** fathers and mentors matter, and play a vital role in the growth, development and stability of children; the Psi Nu Chapter and NOVA NPHC are dedicated to highlighting responsible Black Fathers and Mentors through their existing and future programming; and

**WHEREAS,** the Psi Nu Chapter created the annual Fathers and Mentors Experience, an annual celebration highlighting and uplifting the voices of Black fathers and mentors, and established the Fatherhood Resource Center, a virtual portal equipping men with the resources needed to provide leadership in their families and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Psi Nu Chapter and the NOVA NPHC recognize and acknowledge the necessity of Black fathers and mentors, and acknowledge that children learn more, perform better in school, and exhibit healthier behavior when they have responsible fathers involved in their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** fathers who have good parenting and relationship skills and who are engaged in the workforce are vital to ensuring healthy children and families; and

**WHEREAS,** the Psi Nu Chapter and the NOVA NPHC are committed to promoting and strengthening the well-being of children through the emotional, social, and financial support of involved, responsible and committed fathers and mentors; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Alexandria, Virginia, commends the longstanding service to the community by the Psi Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the Northern Virginia National Pan-Hellenic Council for their individual and collective works and contributions to support responsible fatherhood efforts throughout the nation, and wishes them continued success in their future service endeavors.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I JUSTIN M. WILSON,* Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize June 2023 and each year, as:

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in the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk