



WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, is an international, service-driven organization, founded January 16, 1920 on the campus of the historic Howard University in Washington, D.C., by five coeds who envisioned a sorority that would directly affect positive change, chart a course of action for the 1920s and beyond, raise the consciousness of their people, encourage the highest standards of scholastic achievement, and foster a greater sense of unity among its members; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., chronicled a number of firsts, being the first National Pan-Hellenic Council organization to centralize its operations in a national headquarters, first to charter a chapter in Africa, first to form adult and youth auxiliary groups, and first to be constitutionally bound to a fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., has chartered hundreds of chapters worldwide and with membership of more than 100,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2021, that legacy of continual growth was again manifested with the chartering of the Gamma Alpha Omega Zeta Chapter, which is the Northern Collin County Chapter servicing the cities of Anna, Celina, Farmersville, Lavon, Melissa, Murphy, Princeton, Sachse, Weston, Wylie, and McKinney, Texas, home of the chapter's charter; and

WHEREAS, the chapter's original members being Erika Baker, A'Londa L. Barber, Rocella Carlisle, Eleasha Counts, Stacy Lane Fuller, Collette N. Griffin, Cynthia Hancock, Yolanda Simon, Tondalayo Wade, and Jacquelyn G. Williams; and

WHEREAS, the women of Gamma Alpha Omega Zeta Chapter are guided by the core values of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood, and demonstrate their commitment and support of the city of McKinney, Texas, and its sister communities in Northern Collin County, through collaboration with community stakeholders, through volunteerism, and by providing health and wellness resources via the Z-HOPE program; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Alpha Omega Zeta Chapter is passionate about empowering and uplifting communities, promoting healthy lifestyles, and providing prenatal care programs in partnership with March of Dimes; and

WHEREAS, with a membership of professional and community engagement-orientated women, Gamma Alpha Omega Zeta Chapter is dedicated to cultivating community partnerships in pursuit of transformational change and service to city residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AS

**ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
GAMMA ALPHA OMEGA ZETA CHAPTER DAY**

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021.

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary