

PROCLAMATION
Smithfield Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.
“Kappa Week” Celebrating 55 Years
March 22 – 26, 2021
In the Town of Smithfield

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1911, Kappa Alpha Nu (later to be renamed Kappa Alpha Psi) was founded on the Indiana University campus by Elder Watson Diggs and Byron K. Armstrong; and

WHEREAS, Elder Watson Diggs and Byron Armstrong were joined by John M. Lee, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Guy L. Grant, Paul W. Caine, George W. Edmonds, Ezra D. Alexander and Edward G. Irvin as founding members of the fraternity; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 1911, Kappa Alpha Nu became the first incorporated Black Fraternity in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 1915, Kappa Alpha Nu was officially renamed to Kappa Alpha Psi; and

WHEREAS, the Smithfield Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. was chartered on March 26, 1966 by Reginald Ennis, John Windley, Romie Grantham, Matthew Sanders, Elias Sanders, Norvell Lee, James Barbour and Vernon Nixon: and

WHEREAS, these founding members of the Smithfield Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. along with the more than 60 new initiates over the past 55 years have served as elected officials, educators, attorneys, business men and professionals who have shown leadership and service to the Town of Smithfield and Johnston County; and

WHEREAS, the Smithfield Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.’s fundamental purpose is Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor. These Men of Distinction offer programs, initiatives, and scholarships to promote the educational welfare of the children of the Town of Smithfield and Johnston County; and

WHEREAS, Smithfield Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. also provides opportunities for men to engage in the social and civil activities for the betterment of the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield do hereby proclaim March 22 – March 26, 2021 as

**“Kappa Week” Celebrating 55 Years of
the Smithfield Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.**

in Smithfield, North Carolina and urge all our citizens to celebrate this important milestone.

M. Andy Moore, Mayor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Smithfield on this the 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.