



**RESOLUTION COMMENDING DAVID MARION, PH. D. FOR BEING ELECTED
GRAND BASILEUS FOR THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY**

WHEREAS, Dr. David Marion is owner of Marion Counseling Services, PLLC, a mental health clinic that specializes in providing individual, group, marital or couple, and family counseling, psychological evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, and employee assistance programs to organizations throughout the state of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, he holds a Ph.D. in Counselor Education with a minor in Public Administration and Public Policy from Mississippi State University, a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Mississippi State University, and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Jackson State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marion became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1979 through the Eta Xi Chapter in Starkville, MS; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college. Originally founded in 1911 at Howard University in Washington, D.C., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has grown to include over 750 chapters throughout the United States, Bermuda, Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Korea, Japan, Liberia, Great Britain, Germany, and Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marion has served in local, regional, and district leadership roles in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity since that time. Under his leadership, chapters in the 7th District donated more than 1 million dollars in scholarships to college-bound high school seniors and fed more than 1600 families in Mississippi and Florida; and

WHEREAS, with the direction of Dr. Marion, the 7th District developed the first online district-wide meeting registration, dues payment, and MSP candidate fee submission portal in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Other accomplishments included increasing district scholarships for undergraduate brothers to \$80,000; creating the first "Healthy Ques" newsletter focusing on health matters for Black men and their families; and overseeing 7th district membership with approximately 5000 financial brothers in 147 chapters on the strength of reclamation efforts; and

WHEREAS, in July 2018, the membership of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. elected Dr. David Marion as the Grand Basileus, the highest serving officer in this prestigious, international organization; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marion is the first Mississippian to be elected to a national seat for Omega Psi Phi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marion has been married to the lovely Dr. Joyce Cole-Marion, a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and co-owner of Marion Counseling Services, PLLC, for more than 18 years. He has two children, Dr. Chelsea Marion, a physician in Atlanta, and Chloe Marion, a ten-year-old boss of many.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors commends and proudly congratulates Dr. Marion for this outstanding achievement and look forward to his leadership and positive representation of Mississippi on the international stage.

Mr. Paul Griffin did offer and _____ did second a motion to adopt the above and foregoing Resolution. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Shelia Jones	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor David Bishop	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the motion carried unanimously and said Resolution was and is hereby adopted

RESOLVED, on this the 17th day of September, 2018.

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk

Sheila Jones, President