

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

**OMEGA ZETA SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – 50 YEARS OF
EXCELLENCE AT DUKE UNIVERSITY | 2023**

WHEREAS, on April 12, 1974, Signaled the arrival of the first Black Greek student organization - the Omega Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Omega Zeta Chapter continues to demonstrate their commitments to their four cardinal principles - Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift - and their motto - "Friendship is Essential to the Soul"; and

WHEREAS, the arrival of Omega Zeta Chapter signaled a new day in Black student life on a campus that welcomed Black students only 11 years before; and

WHEREAS, that at Duke University Black Greek fraternity would be allowed, much less be successful, on a campus that was generally unaccustomed to the Black experience; and

WHEREAS, The Omega Zeta Chapter remains a strong and viable part of Duke University.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby recognize

**“OMEGA ZETA SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – 50 YEARS OF
EXCELLENCE AT DUKE UNIVERSITY”**

in Durham County.

This the 8th day of April, 2024

Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

