PROCLAMATION: Upsilon Gamma Chapter of Omega PSI PHI Fraternity, Inc., 50TH Anniversary Celebration

WHEREAS Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated was founded on November 17, 1911 by three undergraduate students, Edgar Amos Love, Frank Colman, Oscar James Cooper, and their faculty advisor, Dr. Ernest Everette Just, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS Eleven undergraduate men were selected to be the charter members and “Friendship is essential to the soul” was chosen as the motto with Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift adopted as its Cardinal Principles, and on October 28, 1914 Omega Psi Phi was officially incorporated; and

WHEREAS Today Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has over 700 chapters throughout the United States, Bermuda, Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Korea, Japan, Liberia, Germany, and Kuwait, and many notable Omega Psi Phi men are recognized as leaders in the arts, sciences, academics, athletics, business, civil rights, government and science sectors at local, national and international levels; and

WHEREAS Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is a private, nonprofit organization of college educated men and the members perform public service guided by mandated programs of Omega Psi Phi which include Social Action Programs, High School Talent Hunts, Health Initiatives, College Education Fund contributions, Voter Education and Registration, NAACP participation and awarding scholarships to deserving college bound students; and

WHEREAS Upsilon Gamma Chapter founded on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI on February 3, 1968, by Brother Clarence E. Bates, MU Omicron Chapter, (5/15/1966) Iowa State University and Brother Richard Gaines, Sigma Epsilon Chapter, (11/21/1964) Jackson State University; and

WHEREAS Upsilon Gamma Chapter has produced over 143 loyal Sons since its founding; and

WHEREAS Members of Upsilon Gamma Chapter will celebrate 50 years of fellowship and community service at the Fetzer Center on the campus of Western Michigan University on October 5, 2018; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED Western Michigan University Board of Trustees do hereby congratulate Upsilon Gamma Chapter’s 50TH Anniversary (1968 – 2018).