

Resolution in Recognition of the Partnership
between the
National Education Association and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Whereas, the National Education Association (NEA) represents more than 3.2 million members who are educators in the public schools of the United States of America;

Whereas, the NEA believes that every student deserves a great public school that allows them to learn in a supportive environment that challenges them to reach and exceed their academic goals and expectations;

Whereas, the NEA has accepted the call to work to transform the lives of tens of thousands of students by significantly raising academic achievement through establishing the Priority Schools Campaign to focus on making chronically low-performing schools an organizational and national priority;

Whereas, through its Office of Minority Community Outreach (MCO), NEA aspires to establish alliances with leaders and organizations in ethnic minority and civil rights communities to develop strategies to support public education and public educators and has partnered with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.;

Whereas, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was founded on November 17th, 1911, in Washington, DC with one of its objectives to uplift communities;

Whereas, Omega Psi Phi has committed to join the NEA to support its Priority Schools Campaign to transform public schools;

Whereas, Omega Psi Phi boasts of having initiated more than 100,000 college educated men in its Fraternity and has more than 700 chapters throughout the
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Whereas, Omega Psi Phi commits to recognize and support NEA as a national partner and will have local chapters of the Fraternity adopt a Priority School in its vicinity as identified by NEA;

Whereas, Omega Psi Phi will support NEA identified Priority Schools by volunteering time, mentoring students, and supporting programs and the overall success of the schools to help foster a learning environment that increases student achievement and works to close the gaps in achievement and opportunity;

Therefore, it is hereby resolved on July 29th, 2011 in Washington, DC, the NEA and Omega Psi Phi are nationally recognized partners in support of public education and Priority Schools.

Signed on the twenty-ninth day of July in the year two thousand eleven.

Dennis Van Roekel, President
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