

Citation of Congratulations

Honoring The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Oklahoma, and Its Jurisdictions

Whereas, the Prince Hall Freemasonry was formed on March 6, 1775, in Boston, Massachusetts, has a long and distinguished history of promoting leadership, education, community service, and social justice, serving as a pillar of strength and upliftment within African American communities; and

Whereas, the First Masonic Lodge to be established in Indian Territory 1872 at Ft Gibson by the **Grand Lodge of Kansas** and the establishment of the **St. John Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory** on November 7, 1892, along with the continued work of affiliated bodies such as the **Queen Bathsheba Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Auxiliary of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge**, further strengthened the Masonic foundation across Oklahoma and expanded its reach in service, mentorship, and charitable works; and

Whereas, the **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Oklahoma, and Its Jurisdictions** has faithfully upheld the Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, contributing to the spiritual, moral, and civic development of its members and the broader Oklahoma community; and

Whereas, the contributions of Prince Hall Masons to the social fabric of Oklahoma reflect the enduring legacy of Prince Hall himself, a visionary leader who sought equality, justice, and unity in the face of adversity; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that The Board of County Commissioners do hereby recognize the invaluable impact of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and its affiliated bodies, including the Order of the Eastern Star and all other Masonic Houses, in shaping a brighter future for all citizens in Oklahoma County.

Brian Maughan, Commissioner, District 2

Myles Davidson, Commissioner, District 3

Jason Lowe, Commissioner, District 1

Attest: Maressa Treat, County Clerk