

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**HONORING** Dr. Torian Easterling upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Phi Award by the Gamma Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community and their profession; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Torian Easterling upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Phi Award by the Gamma Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., to be celebrated at its Juneteenth Summer Formal on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Terrace on the Park, Corona, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity established by African-Americans, was founded on December 4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, by seven visionary men who together with other early leaders of Alpha Phi Alpha succeeded in laying a firm foundation for the fraternity's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character and the uplifting of humanity; and

**WHEREAS,** This auspicious event offers an opportunity for the Gamma Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. to present the distinguished Phi Award to individuals who have made great accomplishments and have helped to better their community; Dr. Torian Easterling is one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Torian Easterling serves as the First Deputy Commissioner and Chief Equity Officer at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH); he has spent more than five years in a senior leadership role at the Health Department; and

**WHEREAS,** Prior to serving as First Deputy Commissioner and Chief Equity Officer, Dr. Torian Easterling served as Deputy Commissioner of the Center for Health Equity and Community Wellness at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, where he oversaw programmatic work focused on reducing overall premature mortality and closing the racial gap on the leading causes of preventable death; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, this extraordinary man served as the Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Health's Bureau of Brooklyn Neighborhood Health, where he helped advance key programming to address pressing concerns, including maternal deaths and gun violence; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Torian Easterling is a community physician truly committed to health equity, social justice and movement-building to achieve the health outcomes that all people deserve both locally and

globally; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Torian Easterling holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Morehouse College, a Doctor of Medicine (MD) from Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School, and a Master of Public Health (MPH) from Icahn School of Medicine at Sinai in New York; he completed his residency in Family Medicine at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in Queens, and a General Preventive Medicine residency at Icahn School of Medicine at Sinai in New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Torian Easterling has displayed throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Dr. Torian Easterling, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Torian Easterling upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Phi Award by the Gamma Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Torian Easterling.