

# City of Smyrna

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## **Legislation Text**

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WARD / COUNCILMEMBER: Citywide

### \$ IMPACT:

Proclamation in Recognition of the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Foundation Chapter No. 587, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall

**ISSUE AND BACKGROUND**: Members of Foundation Chapter No. 587, will be in attendance to accept the Proclamation: Sister Tamika Bryant (Worthy Matron), Michael Gaither, Candice Fedrick & Phoebe Boyd

#### Info on Foundation Chapter No. 587:

Chartered June 10, 2011, Foundation Chapter No. 587 focuses its endeavors on serving Smyrna, GA and the greater Cobb County community.

The Chapter Motto is "Sisters Building the Foundation for Positive Change in the Community" and their 2021 Chapter Theme is "Bonding Together to Reach our Destiny!" as they focus on Dedication, Engagement, Sisterhood, Teamwork, Inclusion, and being Notable during this Year of Perseverance.

#### History of Order of the Eastern Star:

The Order of the Eastern Star is a Masonic appendant body open to both men and women. It was established in 1850 by lawyer and educator Rob Morris, a noted Freemason, but was only adopted and approved as an appendant body of the Masonic Fraternity in 1873. The order is based on some teachings from the Bible but is open to people of all religious beliefs. It has approximately 10,000 chapters in twenty countries and approximately 500,000 members under its General Grand Chapter. Members of the Order of the Eastern Star are aged 18 and older; men must be Master Masons and women must have specific relationships with Masons. Originally, a woman would have to be the daughter, widow, wife, sister, or mother of a Master Mason, but the Order now allows other relatives as well as allowing Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, Members of the Organization of Triangles (NY only) and members of the Constellation of Junior Stars (NY only) to become members when of age.

#### RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION: