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President Joseph Biden
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Greetings President Biden,

The National Pan-Hellenic Council of New Castle County, DE (NPHC NCC) wholeheartedly supports H.R. 133 calling for the posthumous pardon and exoneration of the Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey and identifying him as a champion for the liberation of people of African descent. The NPHC NCC is honored to join forces with an extensive group of organizations and individuals in Delaware advocating in this regard.

An affiliate of more than 300 chapters throughout the United States, the NPHC NCC shares a mission to advocate for leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, civil rights, education, and economic development for our communities. With the realization of such a need, the African American Greek organization movement took on the personae of a haven and outlet, which could foster brotherhood and sisterhood in the pursuit to bring about social change through the development and support of programs and actions that would create positive change for Blacks and the country. It is in that focus on education that all should learn and know the incredible work of Marcus Garvey.

Marcus Garvey was a Jamaican-born Black nationalist and leader of the Pan-Africanism movement, which sought to unify and connect people of African descent worldwide. In the United States, he was a noted civil rights activist who founded the Negro World newspaper, a shipping company called Black Star Line, and the Universal Negro Improvement Association. The resolution hails Garvey as a human rights activist. It seeks to preserve Mr. Garvey's legacy by exonerating him on unfounded charges brought against him by the US government. We ask, President Biden that you will take the necessary action towards clearing Marcus Garvey's name.

We offer this letter of support to encourage this legislation to be moved forward.

Should additional information be needed, we are happy to respond.

Sincerely,

Dr. Keith Pettiford, Immediate Past President, and Treasurer
National Pan-Hellenic Council of New Castle County, Delaware