



KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The Knights of Pythias is a fraternal organization founded at Washington, DC, on 19 February 1864; and

Whereas, The Knights of Pythias was the first fraternal organization to receive a charter under an act of the United States Congress; and

Whereas, Justus H. Rathbone founded the Order after having been inspired by a play by the Irish poet John Banim about the legend of Damon and Pythias; and

Whereas, This legend illustrates the ideals of loyalty, honor and friendship that remain at the center of the Order to this day; and

Whereas, The Domain of New York include many subordinate lodges founded on these principles; and

Whereas, the Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges and members also engage in act of charity to honors these principles; and

Whereas, the week that includes the February 19 anniversary of the founding of our Order offers a perfect period for reflection and engagement around the principles of our Order; and

Whereas, this anniversary period offers a perfect opportunity to Remember our Brothers Gone; and

Whereas, This anniversary period serves as a reminder to all our Pythian brothers to support all of the endeavors of their Lodge, Grand Lodge and the Order; and

Whereas, this anniversary time reminds us that we befriend all of our Pythian Brothers, no matter their level of involvement and engagement in our Order,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That I Proclaim the week of February 17 – 24, 2013 a Week of Pythian Recognition and call on all subordinate lodges to include appropriate activities and services as a tribute to our Great Order's 149th Birthday and call on all members in the Domain to engage actions and/ or service appropriate to this special Pythian Anniversary.

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