

WHEREAS, Eva Dyann Wilson, a citizen of Monroe, Louisiana, and Program Coordinator of the Southside Community Involvement Association, reaches out to those who need help and works to access resources for the purpose of elevating knowledge, skills, and awareness of residents in areas which have transitioned from being predominately homeowner households to now containing vacant houses and lots which may not meet the standards of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Eva Dyann Wilson and a team of citizens have worked to make leaders of various institutions aware of community challenges, which has helped lead to many improvements, including:

- (1) A presentation made by the Superintendent and School Board, resulting in the cancellation of closure of one elementary school and a new commitment to a one million, five hundred thousand dollar improvement plan; and
- (2) A collaboration with civic leaders at the local, regional, and state levels, resulting in saving the University Health Hospital from closure; and
- (3) Dr. Sizer, Director of Region 8 Louisiana Health System, and his staff committing staff and dollars to address social and nutritional needs in the effort to improve academic and cognitive content of low performing students; and
- (4) A police substation and an upgraded patrol car presence in the neighborhood; and
- (5) This work, presented to a private funder, resulting in a \$10,000 grant for 2017; and

WHEREAS, Eva Dyann Wilson was presented the award, “Outstanding Community Service Volunteer”, in March of 2017, by the Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., where 5,000 people from Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and New Mexico were in attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MAYO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONROE, LOUISIANA, on behalf of the Monroe City Council and our citizens, deem it a pleasure and a privilege to recognize these outstanding contributions to our community and hereby proclaim today, Tuesday, June 13, 2017, in honor of

Eva Dyann Wilson

