



## A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CHRISTION FILES, JR. AND RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 AS HIS REMEBRENCE DAY

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Albany, Ohio, wishes to recognize and celebrate the life and accomplishments of Christion Files, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Christion was active in and fully embraced the mission of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. - raising the next generation of African American leaders; Christion served as a Jack and Jill volunteer committee co-lead, Meals on Wheels volunteer, a Vineyard Columbus Church Food Pantry volunteer; during his high school years, he worked as a group leader at Eagle's Nest Child Care's after-school program - assisting kindergarten to 4th graders with homework and structured activities; and, in 2016, he was a camp counselor for young children for Columbus Academy's Summer Experience; and

**WHEREAS**, Christion graduated from New Albany-Plain Local High School in 2021, where he excelled academically and was awarded multiple varsity letters as a member of the track & field team; and

**WHEREAS**, Christion continued his education and athletic pursuits at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, a remarkable young man, Christion made his mark academically and in extracurricular activities at Morehouse; he was a business administration major with a concentration in marketing; and he showed leadership as co-captain of the Morehouse Track & Field team, media chair for the Junior Class Council, and as a dedicated member of the Morehouse Business Association; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond these achievements at Morehouse, Christion was known for his photography and videography skills, which he used to create high-quality content for students, campus organizations, Morehouse Athletics, and the college's marketing office; and

**WHEREAS**, during these difficult times, we come together as a community to remember and celebrate Christion, who leaves a legacy of excellence, passion, and dedication that will continue to inspire us all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on this day, September 16, 2023, the City of New Albany, mayor, city council, and citizens wish to remember and celebrate the life of Christion Files, Jr., and recognize the lasting impact and contributions he made to our community; our thoughts and prayers are with his community and his family.



Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor