



**PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION
HONORING
PROFESSOR KAREN KALISTA GREEN, MSSW**

WHEREAS, Karen Kalista Green, Associate Professor of Social Work, has served Shepherd University from August 2000 through May 2025; and

WHEREAS, Karen received her Bachelor of Science from Cornell University and her Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Director of Field Education she has worked closely with community partners to create and maintain practicum places for hundreds of students and trained and mentored hundreds of students on their journey to becoming social workers, positions vital to the health of communities; and

WHEREAS, Karen served as the University Ombudsperson for 13 years, providing support and alternatives to address interpersonal and institutional concerns of students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, she served as chair and co-chair of the Department of Social Work and the Department of Social and Applied Behavioral Sciences; and has served on countless University committees, including Core Curriculum, Diversity and Equity, Faculty Senate, and Admissions and Credits as Chair; and

WHEREAS, she has worked across a wide variety of settings including schools, jails, hospitals, courts, public service agencies, and private non-profits, always with a focus on mental health and forensic social work; and

WHEREAS, Karen was honored by Shepherd University with awards for academic advising and civility and selected as the Last Lecture keynote speaker for the McMurrin Scholar Award Commencement.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED, THAT the entire Shepherd University community celebrates the accomplishments of Professor Karen Green; and that personal best wishes are extended through this Presidential Proclamation for her tireless service and dedication to the University.

Mary J.C. Hendrix, Ph.D.
President