

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Ability Experience was founded in 1977 as the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity with the purpose of instilling a commitment to lifelong service in its members and enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Journey of Hope is a cross-country bicycle trek beginning in San Francisco (North), Los Angeles (South) and Seattle (TransAmerica) and with all teams ending together in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the event raises funds and awareness for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, one man's dream of riding his bike across the country came true. What he did not know was the inspiration and motivation his trek across America would give to The Ability Experience. The very next year his ride inspired The Ability Experience to create the largest fraternal fundraising and awareness event of its kind, the Journey of Hope; and


WHEREAS, the Journey of Hope covers 32 different states, cycling over 12,000 miles combined, it is solely comprised of members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and continues to spread a message of acceptance and understanding for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, from the inaugural team of 21 team members raising \$20,000, the team has since been expanded into three different routes of 35 Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity members and annually raises more than \$500,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Steven V. Ponto, Mayor of the City of Brookfield, do hereby proclaim July 18, 2015 as "**JOURNEY OF HOPE DAY**" in the City of Brookfield, and call upon our residents to share in the Journey of Hope's message of acceptance and understanding for people with disabilities.



Signed and sealed this the 2nd day of July,
Two Thousand and Fifteen.


Steven V. Ponto, Mayor