

**RESOLUTION
FOR
DR. SHERROL A. REYNOLDS**



- Whereas: Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds as president-elect, became president of the National Optometric Association in December 2017, following the illness of president, Dr. Ollie Powe and served until July 2021.***
- Whereas: During this extended forty-five-month term, Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds has been astute in ensuring that the National Optometric Association is premier in its execution, representation, and standing in the Optometric Community.***
- Whereas: Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds supervised two successful conventions, including the Atlanta Grand 50th and negotiated the cancellation of a convention during the COVID pandemic.***
- Under the leadership of Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds, the first virtual conference event was conducted with a historic amount of \$84,750.00 distributed to 50 awardees.***
- Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds orchestrated NOA webinars, interviews, and panel events often with limited administrative assistance.***
- Whereas: Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds communicated with established organizations and Boards of Optometry, Deans of Schools and Colleges of Optometry and Eye Industry Corporations to ensure that the NOA message of minority representation with equity and inclusion, and its exigency for financial support mains at the forefront***
- Whereas: Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds addressed the death of a NOA President, Dr. Ollie Powe and NOA Founder, Dr. C Clayton Powell in the same year with profundity and grace, guaranteeing their legacies were honored by the optometric community.***
- Whereas: Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds initiated and secured the induction of Dr. Marvin R. Poston into the Berkeley Optometry Hall of Fame and the National Optometric Hall of Fame posthumously. Dr. Poston was the first black optometrist on the west coast and a founder of the Vision Service Plan.***

Whereas: Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds was instrumental in establishing the NOA partnership with the Dr. Marvin R. Poston Foundation and VSP-Global to fund the “Visioning the Future” HBCU Mentorship Program. The first funded program of its kind to increase the number of African American/Black Optometrists in the United States.

Whereas: Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds was instrumental in establishing the NOA partnership with the National Children’s Center for Vision and Health at Prevent Blindness to create the ACHIEVE campaign – All Children’s Health Initiative for Eye and Vision Excellence. The inaugural campaign was launched to raise awareness of the importance of vision for children with a targeted focus on vision health in minority communities.

Be it Therefore Resolved:

That: Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds is the consummate example of what our founders envisioned as a leader committed to ensuring comprehensive eye and vision health care, decreasing health disparities in minority communities, and promoting diversity in vision care providers.

That: Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds’ demonstrated dedication to the National Optometric Association is unparalleled. Amid challenges, controversy, and family tragedy, her loyalty to the mission of this organization has never wavered or diminished.

That: Dr. Sherrol A. Reynolds is honored, appreciated, and applauded for her servant leadership, revolutionary ideas, and contributions that have enhanced the National Optometric Association.

***Written under the hand of Dr. Larry E. Jones,
President of the National Optometric Association
July 11, 2021, in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ***