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### **Vice Chair Wole Ralph Partners With Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for Proud Fathers' Rally**

**Jonesboro-** Clayton County Board of Commissioners Vice Chair, Wole Ralph is partnering with metro Atlanta chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. as they host a "Proud Fathers' Rally" at the Georgia State Capitol. The rally will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2011, from 9:00am to 12:00pm during Father's Day weekend.

The celebration of fatherhood is open to all Dads and their children who want to come out and celebrate this unique bond, regardless of their economic status or even their Greek affiliation. Organizers of the event anticipate thousands showing up to hear guest speakers address the importance of men stepping up and embracing fatherhood. "It is important that the fathers of metro Atlanta come out with their families in support of this event" said Ralph, a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. "So many households these days are one parent households for whatever reason and we sometimes forget that some of these one parent households consist of just the father. They're actively packing lunches, combing hair, and attending parent/teacher conferences, overall, simply taking care of their families. Unfortunately, these dedicated Dads are seldom highlighted in the media. Then on the other hand, there are the Dads not residing in the same home as their children but are playing an integral role in their development and upbringing. This event is an opportunity to let the light shine on these responsible men and an opportunity for them to fellowship with other fathers and father figures."

The rally is in support of the President's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative which has been adopted by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Health and Human Services representatives will be on hand to dialogue with individuals regarding important information on child custody and child support laws in the state of Georgia. Knowledgeable staff from employment and social services agencies will also be at the rally ready to assist and answer questions.

"We are welcoming everyone to come out attend this empowering event, said S. Earl Wilson, event organizer. "This is an initiative that the men of Omega Psi Phi are in strong support of and we want to publicly demonstrate that the love, positive influence and power of fatherhood remain strong in our communities."

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