

City of Pine Bluff
Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF Mr. George Makris, Jr.



Whereas, The City of Pine Bluff with great respect and esteem, recognizes Mr. George Makris, Jr., Chairman and CEO of Simmons First National Corporation. Mr. Makris joined Simmons in January 2013 and has experienced its bank operations stretch from three states with a total consolidated assets of approximately \$2.1 billion to across a six-state footprint with approximately \$25 billion in assets. He has seen the acquisition of numerous financial institutions; and

Whereas, Mr. Makris believes in strong community relationships and demonstrates this through his philanthropy and involvement in key civic organizations. His friend, Tommy May describes him as a “proactive leader for positive change in Pine Bluff. Like his father before him, he is a true visionary and difference maker.” Others describe him as “a strategist, outstanding businessman and gentleman with a whole lot of business savvy who just cares for people.” Dr. Lawrence Davis, former chancellor of the University of Pine Bluff at Arkansas, further says that “he is committed to rebuilding the city. Anything that is positive in terms of growth of this city, you will find Mr. Makris;” and

Whereas, Mr. Makris was born and educated in Pine Bluff. His family legacy is historic and he has only expanded it. He is married to his college sweetheart, Debbie Fitzpatrick. They have three sons, George III, Nick and John. His family, family business, Simmons Bank family, hometown, and the country club mean a lot to him. When once asked about his favorite music, he answered by recalling his sons’ high school musical performances; and

Whereas, Mr. Makris has achieved some of the highest accolades in his career and one comes from his son George III. He says that “Pine Bluff is one of his dad’s loves. It has served to really drive him to help it succeed, and that’s a huge part of his story;” and

Be It Resolved, The City of Pine Bluff and its citizens recognize Mr. George Makris, Jr., a well-respected member of this community, and offer this proclamation in the highest honor to a man who has dedicated his life and career to making a difference and serving others.

Now, Therefore, I, Shirley Moorehead Washington, Mayor of the City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas do hereby proclaim January 19, 2022; as

“Mr. George Makris, Jr. Day”

In the City of Pine Bluff, and encourage all of our citizens to celebrate the contributions of this extraordinary individual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF TO BE AFFIXED ON THIS NINETEENTH DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-TWO.

Shirley Washington
Mayor Shirley M. Washington

