



## **Founding Resolution & Mission of the North Carolina Harmony Brigade**

Whereas: Talented and experienced barbershop quartet singers, holding memberships in the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (the “Society”), and in North Carolina chapters, often lack enough opportunities for high level quartet singing in their local chapter and seek a greater concentration of quartet activities; and

Whereas: Preparation for, and participation in, high level quartet singing uplifts the spirit, promotes and renews confidence and self-worth, gives rise to special moments of joy and laughter, forges friendships earned through mutual musical respect, and generates bonding through cooperation in creative artistic expression; and

Whereas: Life-enriching benefits for high level quartet singers extend to their families, friends and associates via encouraging attitudes, a sense of renewal, the valuing of social bonds, and the rekindling of hope; and

Whereas: High level quartet singing may be defined for these purposes as: four experienced barbershop quartet singers harmonizing artful a cappella arrangements with interactive fine tuning based in diligent preparation and capable vocal talents; and

Whereas: Quartet singing is the foundation for the establishment of the barbershop a cappella vocal style and is the bedrock upon which the International Society has been built; and

Whereas: By the act of high level quartet singing, participants espouse, promote, preserve and enhance the reputation and missions of the Society, its Districts, Subsidiaries, and Worldwide Affiliates;

Therefore be it hereby resolved: That the North Carolina Harmony Brigade, a cadre of dedicated barbershop quartet singers, shall be formed with the expressed mission and purposes of improving the lives of members and guests, and the lives of their families, friends and associates, and extolling the best merits of the Society, by fostering, nurturing and encouraging high level quartet singing.

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The Mission of the North Carolina Harmony Brigade, a subsidiary of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., is to improve the lives of vocally capable, musically prepared members and guests, and, by extension, the lives of their families, friends and associates, by planning and providing activities with a concentrated focus on finely tuned barbershop quartet singing.