



## *A Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the African American Golfers Hall of Fame showcases the rich and proud accomplishments of exceptional African American individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to golf and the golfing industry; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2005, the African American Golfers Hall of Fame has annually honored outstanding individuals and organizations who have substantially increased public awareness of African American excellence both on the golf course and in local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the African American Golfers Hall of Fame is to assemble the largest collection of African American golf memorabilia in the world as well as offering an interactive learning experience to all those fascinated by the historical record of African American golfers, which extends back to the 19th century; and

**WHEREAS**, honorees in the African American Golfers Hall of Fame range from Althea Gibson, an Inaugural Inductee in 2005, whose extraordinary dual-sport athletic skills enabled her to be the first woman to play on the LPGA Tour as well as winning the most prestigious tennis tournaments, and the 2010 designation of Congressman James E. Clyburn of South Carolina as a Leadership Awardee, who championed a resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives celebrating the accomplishments, and 90th anniversary, of the PGA; and

**WHEREAS**, the African American Golfers Hall of Fame bestowed a 2010 Founders Award upon the University of Maryland Eastern Shore for being the only Historically Black College and University to offer the PGA Golf Management Program to its students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THELMA B. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE**, do hereby declare the 15th day of June 2010 to be known as **AFRICAN AMERICAN GOLFERS HALL OF FAME DAY** throughout the University's campus.



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