

## Senate Resolution 886

By: Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Tate of the 38th, Anderson of the 43rd, Williams of the 39th, Harrell of the 40th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 6, 2020, as the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Xi  
2 Omega Chapter Chartering Day of Celebration in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. was founded at Howard University in  
4 Washington, D.C., on January 15, 1908, and has the distinction of being the first sorority  
5 established by African American college women for African American college women; and

6 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. has expanded to more than 1,210 chapters  
7 worldwide, over 300,000 members with Georgia serving as host to approximately 50  
8 chapters on college and university campuses, and numerous active alumnae groups  
9 throughout communities around the state; and

10 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is committed to community service and actively  
11 contributes to the educational, civic, health, and socioeconomic life of Georgia's citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, alumnae chapters are encouraging their members to become involved  
13 community volunteers, community advocates, and community leaders with their primary  
14 service components of HBCU for Life: A Call to Action; Women's Healthcare and Wellness;  
15 Building Your Economic Legacy; The Arts!; and Global Impact; and

16 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Xi Omega Chapter Chartering  
17 Day is March 13, 1955, when 14 educated, poised African American women who were  
18 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, came together to charter the Zeta Xi  
19 Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; the group was led by South  
20 Atlantic Regional Director A. Cathryn Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia, and the charter members  
21 from Augusta and Aiken, South Carolina, were Leila Bradby, Marjorie Carter, Lois  
22 Coleman, Gertiedeen Corbett, Willie George Elim, O'Greta M. Everett Walton, Lucille  
23 Floyd, Helen Kelly, Sallie Nelms, Josephine Richardson, Betty Scott, Margaret Weston,  
24 Robersteene Griffin, and Vivian Wilds; and

25 WHEREAS, these 14 visionary community leaders formed the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
26 Incorporated, Zeta Xi Omega Chapter and began the legacy of excellence in service that is  
27 being celebrated today; and

28 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's 30th International President, Dr. Glenda Baskin  
29 Glover; South Atlantic Regional Director, Carolyn G. Randolph; 16th South Atlantic  
30 Regional Director, Ella Springs Jones; Zeta Xi Omega Chapter 30th President, Letitia Tyce;  
31 and 65th Anniversary Gala Chair, Yolanda Copeland have convened a gala assembly for the  
32 purpose of recognizing 65 years of excellence through sustainable service to the Augusta,  
33 Georgia, community and the State of Georgia, partnering with local, regional, and national  
34 organizations to address critical issues that impact the quality of life of its citizens.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 recognize March 6, 2020, as the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Xi Omega  
37 Chapter Chartering Day of Celebration in Georgia.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Honorable  
40 Karen Bennett, the Honorable Carolyn Hugley, the Honorable Dar'shun Kendrick, the  
41 Honorable Horacena Tate, the Honorable Nikema Williams, Carolyn G. Randolph, and  
42 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Xi Omega Chapter.