

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 10, 2022, as AKA Day at the State Capitol and to commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, has the distinction of being the first Greek-letter sorority established by African-American college women; and

WHEREAS, in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the sorority's unending quest to be "Supreme in Service to All Mankind" spans domestic and international boundaries, and involves the services of members of more than one thousand chapters across the world; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana hosts chapters on college and university campuses, in addition to hosting alumnae groups active throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is a union of over three hundred thousand energetic, ambitious, and dedicated college-trained women who endeavor to promote community initiatives in health preservation and preventative health education, academic excellence, civic engagement, and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated encourage their members to become involved in five primary service target areas that actively contribute to the educational, civic, and social lives of the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the five target areas of the sorority's international program, Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service are: HBCU For Life: A Call to Action, Women's Healthcare and Wellness, Building Your Economic Legacy, The Arts!, and Global Impact; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the sorority collaborates with Soles 4 Souls and Lions Club International and focuses on breast cancer awareness and the promotion of heart health; and

WHEREAS, whether making and sending dresses and shirts to little girls and boys in Haiti; providing support to organizations that assist refugees and their families integrate into American life; saluting the Harlem renaissance; providing guidance on care for caregivers, credit repair and monitoring, or entrepreneurship and the black dollar; helping high school students demystify the college admissions and enrollment process; or developing emerging young leaders through mentoring programs throughout the nation, the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated are committed to making a positive impact upon campuses, communities, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, AKA Day at the State Capitol is a national program whereby sorority members meet with their legislators to address issues that are pertinent to their communities; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for one hundred fourteen years of exemplary leadership and outstanding community service and to designate Tuesday, May 10, 2022, as AKA Day at the State Capitol.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 10, 2022, as AKA Day at the State Capitol and hereby commends the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated for the tremendous honor and pride that they bring to their families, friends, and communities, and to the state of Louisiana, the nation, and the world at large.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Glenda Glover, international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and Jaya T. Hayes, the 26th south central regional director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE