
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 246 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, FERLO, WASHINGTON, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN,
TEPLITZ, ERICKSON, STACK, FONTANA, SMITH, VULAKOVICH,
GREENLEAF AND RAFFERTY, OCTOBER 22, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 22, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 22, 2013, as "Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
2 Incorporated Day" in Pennsylvania in honor of the 102nd
3 anniversary of its founding.

4 WHEREAS, On January 5, 1911, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
5 Incorporated was established by ten college students of Indiana
6 University in Bloomington, Indiana, originally under the name of
7 Kappa Alpha Nu; and

8 WHEREAS, The Revered Founders, Elder Watson Diggs, John
9 Milton Lee, Byron Kenneth Armstrong, Guy Levis Grant, Ezra Dee
10 Alexander, Henry Tourner Asher, Marcus Peter Blakemore, Paul
11 Waymond Caine, Edward Giles Irvin and George Wesley Edmonds
12 aimed to combat racial discrimination from the founding of the
13 fraternity, focusing largely on achievement in every field of
14 human endeavor; and

15 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated has never
16 excluded potential members based on national origin, creed or
17 color; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated has

1 more than 150,000 members with undergraduate and alumni chapters
2 in every state of the United States, in addition to
3 international chapters in the United Kingdom, Germany, Korea,
4 Japan, United States Virgin Islands, Nigeria and South Africa;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to 21 undergraduate
7 chapters and numerous alumni chapters; and

8 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated promotes
9 programs impacting community service, social welfare and
10 academic scholarship upon the community via the *Kappa Alpha Psi*
11 *Foundation*; and

12 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated celebrated
13 its 100th anniversary on January 5, 2011, and is distinguished
14 as only the second predominantly African-American collegiate
15 fraternity to do so; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 22, 2013, as
17 "Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated Day" in Pennsylvania in
18 honor of the 102nd anniversary of its founding.