
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, GREENLEAF, FERLO, TEPLITZ,
FONTANA, DINNIMAN, SMITH, SOLOBAY, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY AND
COSTA, MAY 6, 2014

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 6, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority by designating May 6, 2014,
2 as "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority became America's
4 first Greek-letter organization established by African-American
5 college women; and

6 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority celebrated its 106-year
7 anniversary on January 15, 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, The sorority's roots date back to Howard University,
9 Washington, DC, where the idea for formation was conceived by
10 Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of St. Louis, Missouri, who viewed the
11 sorority as an instrument for enriching the social and
12 intellectual aspects of college life by providing mental
13 stimulation through interaction with friends and associates; and

14 WHEREAS, Through the years, the sorority's function has
15 become more complex, branching out and becoming the channel
16 through which selected college-trained women improved the
17 socioeconomic conditions in their city, state, nation and the

1 world; and

2 WHEREAS, In a world in which materialism is pervasive and
3 technology and competition have decreased the need for
4 collaboration and cooperation, it is critical to have an
5 association that cuts across racial, international, physical and
6 social barriers to help individuals and communities develop and
7 maintain constructive relationships with others; and

8 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's commitment to the
9 community accurately reflects its international theme of "Global
10 Leadership Through Timeless Service"; and

11 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is that vital
12 organization, a sisterhood composed of women who have
13 consciously chosen this affiliation as a means of self-
14 fulfillment through volunteer service, cultivating and
15 encouraging high scholastic and ethical standards, promoting
16 unity and friendship among college women, alleviating problems
17 concerning girls and women, maintaining a progressive interest
18 in college life and serving all mankind through a nucleus of
19 more than 240,000 women in the United States, the Caribbean,
20 Europe and Africa; and

21 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the home of eight graduate chapters
22 which are: Alpha Alpha Omega, Epsilon Sigma Omega, Iota Tau
23 Omega, Mu Nu Omega, Omega Omega, Phi Beta Omega, Rho Theta Omega
24 and Tau Delta Omega, as well as 15 undergraduate chapters: Alpha
25 Sigma, Delta Gamma, Delta Iota, Delta Mu, Epsilon Nu, Gamma
26 Epsilon, Iota, Kappa Beta, Kappa Zeta, Mu Omicron, Pi Pi, Rho
27 Rho, Sigma Lambda, Tau Alpha and Theta Iota; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the Alpha Kappa Alpha
29 Sorority by designating May 6, 2014, as "Alpha Kappa Alpha
30 Sorority Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
2 Epsilon Sigma Omega Chapter, P.O. Box 1924, Harrisburg, PA
3 17105-1924, in recognition of its 23 chapters within
4 Pennsylvania.