
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 21, 2017, as "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) has attained distinction as
4 the oldest Greek-lettered organization established by African-
5 American college-educated women; and

6 WHEREAS, With 1,005 undergraduate and graduate chapters in
7 our Commonwealth and throughout the United States, the United
8 States Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, Canada, Japan, Germany,
9 Korea, Africa and other nations, AKA has grown and flourished in
10 the pursuit of peace and improved quality of life for others
11 since its establishment in 1908 at Howard University in
12 Washington, DC, by founder Ethel Hedgeman; and

13 WHEREAS, AKA members have generously engaged their energies
14 in global advocacy and service projects to improve
15 socioeconomic, racial, political and environmental conditions as
16 AKA's functions have expanded for more than a century; and

17 WHEREAS, The more than 290,000 distinguished women who
18 comprise the current membership of AKA have earned recognition

1 for their excellent academic records, proven leadership skills,
2 impassioned volunteerism and effective outreach; and

3 WHEREAS, Each year, six regularly scheduled International
4 Community Service Days highlight AKA's collective impact in five
5 target areas: educational enrichment, health promotion, family
6 strengthening, environmental ownership and global impact; and

7 WHEREAS, The Senate proudly notes the strength of AKA's
8 relationships with the residents and elected officials of this
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The Senate commends AKA's continuing engagement in
11 improving community resources and advancing local, regional and
12 global human relations and social justice; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate March 21, 2017, as "Alpha
14 Kappa Alpha Sorority Day" in Pennsylvania.