
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 309 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY HAYWOOD, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY,
TEPLITZ, COSTA, SCHWANK, FONTANA, BREWSTER, FARNESE, HUGHES
AND VULAKOVICH, MARCH 22, 2016

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 22, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 22, 2016, 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 993 undergraduate and graduate chapters in our
7 Commonwealth and throughout the United States, the United States
8 Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, Canada, Japan, Germany, Korea,
9 Africa and other nations, AKA has grown and flourished in the
10 pursuit of peace and improved quality of life for others since
11 its establishment in 1908 at Howard University in Washington,
12 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 through the decades; and

17 WHEREAS, The 283,000 distinguished women who comprise the

1 current membership of AKA have earned recognition for their
2 excellent academic records, proven leadership skills and
3 community outreach; and

4 WHEREAS, AKA's newest service project, "Launching New
5 Dimensions of Service," addresses community needs in five target
6 areas: educational enrichment, health promotion, family
7 strengthening, environmental ownership and global impact; and

8 WHEREAS, AKA's newest graduate chapter, Omega Zeta Omega in
9 Bucks County, further strengthens AKA's presence in our
10 Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, The Senate proudly notes the strength of AKA's
12 relationships with the residents and elected officials of this
13 Commonwealth and praises its members' continuing work on behalf
14 of community needs as well as local and global human relations
15 and social justice; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate March 22, 2016, as "Alpha
17 Kappa Alpha Sorority Day" in Pennsylvania.