
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 144 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY WASHINGTON, TEPLITZ, KITCHEN, FERLO, GREENLEAF,
SMITH, ERICKSON, PILEGGI, HUGHES, FARNESE, YUDICHAK,
VULAKOVICH, COSTA, BRUBAKER, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, BLAKE,
SOLOBAY AND TARTAGLIONE, MAY 14, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 14, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated on its 105th
2 anniversary and recognizing May 14, 2013, as "Alpha Kappa
3 Alpha Sorority Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

7 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated celebrated
8 its 105-year anniversary on January 15, 2013; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Through the years, the sorority's function has
16 become more complex, branching out and becoming the channel
17 through which selected college-trained women improved the

1 socioeconomic conditions in their city, state, nation and the
2 world; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated is that
13 vital organization, a sisterhood composed of women who have
14 consciously chosen this affiliation as a means of self-
15 fulfillment through volunteer service, cultivating and
16 encouraging high scholastic and ethical standards, promoting
17 unity and friendship among college women, alleviating problems
18 concerning girls and women, maintaining a progressive interest
19 in college life and serving all mankind through a nucleus of
20 more than 260,000 women in the United States, the Caribbean,
21 Europe and Africa; and

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

29 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated recognizes
30 the importance of engaging its members in public policy

1 initiatives which is part of their "Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the
2 Capitol" in many states; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the Alpha Kappa Alpha
4 Sorority Incorporated on its 105th anniversary by designating
5 May 14, 2013, as "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day" in
6 Pennsylvania; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
8 Epsilon Sigma Omega Chapter, P.O. Box 1924, Harrisburg, PA
9 17105-1924, in recognition of all the chapters within
10 Pennsylvania.