
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HAYWOOD, STREET, FONTANA, FARNESE, BROWNE,
BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, HUTCHINSON, HUGHES, SCHWANK AND COSTA,
MARCH 19, 2019

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 19, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 19, 2019, as "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
2 Inc., Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

6 WHEREAS, With more than 1,000 undergraduate and graduate
7 chapters and 300,000 members throughout the United States, the
8 United States Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, Canada, Japan,
9 Germany, South Korea, Africa and other nations, AKA has grown
10 and flourished in the pursuit of peace and improved quality of
11 life for others since its establishment in 1908 at Howard
12 University in Washington, DC, by founder Ethel Hedgeman Lyle;
13 and

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

1 WHEREAS, The nearly 300,000 distinguished women who comprise
2 the membership of AKA have earned recognition for their
3 excellent academic records, proven leadership skills,
4 impassioned volunteerism and effective outreach; and

5 WHEREAS, Annually, the International Program regularly
6 schedules six Community Impact Days to highlight AKA's
7 collective impact in the five target areas of education, women's
8 health care and wellness, building economic legacy, the arts and
9 global impact; and

10 WHEREAS, The Senate proudly notes the strength of AKA's
11 relationships with the residents and elected officials of this
12 Commonwealth; and

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

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate March 19, 2019, as "Alpha
17 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Day" in Pennsylvania.