



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY ON THEIR 112TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) originated January 15, 1908 from the vision of Ethel Hedgeman and eight other African-American college students on the campus of Howard University, the first African-American Greek-letter sorority; and

WHEREAS, on this day January 15, 2020, worldwide members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will pause to honor the founding of their beloved sisterhood and pay homage to the vision, courage, tenacity and oneness of purpose of the extraordinary women who dared to create the first organization for college-trained women designed to support and promote sisterhood, scholarship and service; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha was incorporated on January 29, 1913, which facilitated the growth of an international service organization that now consists of 1,024 chapters, including many active chapters within Cook County, and nearly 300,000 members in more than 55 nations and all 50 states including the District of Columbia, the US Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Germany, Liberia, South Korea, Japan, Canada, South Africa and the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and embodied in their credo to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the AKA Sisterhood has been an indomitable force for good in their communities, state, nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha has maintained its focus in two key arenas: the lifelong personal and professional development of each of its members; and galvanizing its membership into an organization of respected power and influence, consistently at the forefront of effective advocacy and social change that results in equality and equity for all citizens of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. chapters located in Cook County include: Beta (Chicago), Theta Omega (Chicago), Delta Omicron (Chicago), Theta Rho Omega (Markham), Delta Chi Omega (Evanston), Lambda Alpha Omega (Westchester), Lambda Mu Omega (Chicago), Lambda Tau Omega (Matteson), Xi Nu Omega (Chicago), Xi Kappa (Chicago), Omicron Alpha (River Forest), Tau Gamma Omega (Chicago), Pi Nu (Chicago), Phi Epsilon Omega (Harvey), Phi Kappa Omega (Oak Lawn), Chi Alpha Omega (Schaumburg), Chi Omega Omega (Chicago), and Tau Mu (Chicago); and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to congratulate the members of the Cook County Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. on the occasion of the sorority's 112th anniversary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on their celebration of National Founders Day on January 15, 2020, and thank them for 112 years of service in the public interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to a representative of each Cook County Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated as a symbol of our respect and esteem.