



SPONSOR: Rep. Bolden

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

RECOGNIZING APRIL 6, 2017 AS ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY OR "AKA DAY AT THE CAPITOL" IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is 109 years young and was founded on the campus of
2 Howard University in Washington, D.C., and has been in relentless existence since January 15, 1908; and

3 WHEREAS, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Anna Easter Brown, Beulah Burke, Lillian Burke, Marjorie Hill, Margaret
4 Flagg Holmes, Lavinia Norman, Lucy Diggs Slowe and Marie Woolfolk Taylor, established the first Greek-lettered
5 organization established by and for African American, college-educated women; and

6 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated consists of 290,000 members globally, with record
7 breaking service community service to all mankind, totaling over one million hours, particularly in the African-American
8 neighborhoods; and

9 WHEREAS, Epsilon Iota Omega, Sigma Zeta Omega, Zeta Omega, Delta Lambda and Tau Omicron Chapters of
10 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's influence and civic contributions have brought about economic security,
11 environmental sustainability and addressed issues of global poverty, social justice and spiritual change throughout
12 Delaware, as well as nationally and internationally; and

13 WHEREAS, Epsilon Iota Omega, Sigma Zeta Omega, Zeta Omega, Delta Lambda and Tau Omicron Chapters of
14 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and its members have been actively involved in our local communities through
15 spearheading Emerging Young Leaders, AKAette and Debutante programs for middle and high school girls; partnering
16 with local restaurants to raise funds for Heifer International, sponsoring shoe drives for the needy; collaborating with local
17 churches to host Voter's Registration Drives; advocating health care initiatives; writing letters to support Anti-Bullying
18 laws; and many other community focused contributions; and

19 WHEREAS, for the fourteenth consecutive year the members of Delaware's Tri-Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha
20 Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Omega Chapter, serving Wilmington and New Castle County Counties, Epsilon Iota Omega
21 Chapter, serving Kent County & Sussex County and Sigma Zeta Omega Chapter serving Newark, have provided consistent
22 guidance in advocacy to the Delaware General Assembly; and

23 WHEREAS, today, more than ever their thoughts and interest are important to help improve, strengthen and
24 ensure that responsible legislation and public policy is enacted to govern the great state of Delaware; and

25 WHEREAS, the 2014 through 2018 theme is Launching New Dimensions of Service, whereby members are
26 focusing on global leadership development, and targeted program areas of Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion,
27 Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership and Global Impact.

28 WHEREAS, through their committed talent and resources, the Tri-State Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority,
29 Incorporated have undoubtedly provided advocacy and service to all mankind.

30 NOW, THEREFORE:

31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, that
32 April 6, 2017, shall be “AKA Day at the Capitol” in Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution recognizes April 6, 2017 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority or “AKA Day at the Capitol” in Delaware.