



SPONSOR: Rep. Dorsey Walker & Rep. Bolden & Sen. Lockman &
Sen. Brown

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

RECOGNIZING MAY 9, 2019 AS ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY OR "AKA DAY AT THE CAPITOL" IN
DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is 111 years young and was founded on the campus of Howard
2 University in Washington, D.C., and has been in continuous 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, Inc. consisting of 300,000 members globally, has broken records for
7 community service to all mankind, totaling over one million hours, particularly in the African-American neighborhoods;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Zeta Omega, Epsilon Iota Omega, Sigma Zeta Omega Graduate Chapters, the Delta Lambda,
10 Lambda Gamma and Tau Omicron Undergraduate Chapters, the MOT Pearls of Distinction, Royal Pearls of Sussex Interest
11 Groups, and Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., influence and civic contributions have brought about economic
12 security, environmental sustainability and addressed issues of global poverty, social justice and spiritual change throughout
13 Delaware, as well as nationally and internationally; and

14 WHEREAS, Zeta Omega, Epsilon Iota Omega, Sigma Zeta Omega Graduate Chapters, the Delta Lambda,
15 Lambda Gamma, Tau Omicron Undergraduate Chapters, the MOT Pearls of Distinction, Royal Pearls of Sussex Interest
16 Groups of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and their members have been actively involved in our local communities by
17 spearheading Debutante and AKAette Life Enrichment Programs for girls, Pink goes Red promoting Heart Health
18 Initiatives, hosting global impact days that provided clothing to students in Haiti, and sponsoring shoe drives, while
19 partnering with like-minded organizations to host civic engagement awareness programs such as School Board Candidate
20 Forums, advocates to eliminate educational, health and economic disparities, and relevant legislation and laws; and many
21 other community focused contributions; and

22 WHEREAS, for the sixteenth consecutive year the members of Delaware's Graduate Chapters of Alpha Kappa
23 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Omega, Epsilon Iota Omega, Sigma Zeta Omega have provided consistent guidance in

24 advocacy to the Delaware General Assembly; and are joined in service by the Delta Lambda, Lambda Gamma and Tau
25 Omicron Undergraduate Chapters and the Interest Groups of MOT Pearls of Distinction and the Royal Pearls of Sussex ,all
26 serving Delaware communities; and

27 WHEREAS, today, more than ever Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority's thoughts and interest are important to help
28 improve, strengthen and ensure that responsible legislation and public policy is enacted to govern the great state of
29 Delaware; and

30 WHEREAS, the 2018 through 2022 theme is Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service, whereby
31 members are focusing on targeted program areas of Historically Black Colleges and Universities: A Call to Action,
32 Women's Healthcare and Wellness, Building Your Economic Legacy, The Arts and Global Impact. Collectively we work
33 on our International Signature Program, The College Admissions Program (CAP) to assist students in their efforts to enter
34 college; and

35 WHEREAS, through their committed talent and resources, the Tri-State Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority,
36 our Undergraduate Chapters and Interest Groups of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. have undoubtedly provided and will
37 continue to provide advocacy and service to all mankind.

38 NOW, THEREFORE:

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 150th General Assembly of the State of
40 Delaware, the Senate concurring therein, that May 9, 2019 shall be "AKA Day at the Capitol" in Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes May 9, 2019 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority or "AKA Day at the Capitol" in Delaware.