

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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5 By: Senator J. Scott

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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10 FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO  
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15 **Subtitle**

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22 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, founded on January  
23 15, 1908, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., was  
24 America's first Greek-letter organization for college Black women; and

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26 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, was conceived by  
27 Ethel Hedgemon Lyle and eight (8) other visionaries who resolved that their  
28 college experience should be meaningful and productive; and

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30 WHEREAS, that small group grew to a membership of more than three  
31 hundred sixty thousand (360,000) college-educated women from around the  
32 world, with an active membership of one thousand seventy-four (1,074)  
33 chapters of over one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) women who represent a  
34 diverse group; and

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36 WHEREAS, the membership of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®



1 includes educators, heads of state, politicians, lawyers, medical  
2 professionals, media personalities, decision makers in major corporations,  
3 former Vice President of the United States Kamala Harris, Little Rock Nine  
4 member the late Thelma Mothershed Wair, and late Congresswoman Sheila Jackson  
5 Lee; and  
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7 WHEREAS, well-known honorary members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
8 Incorporated®, include Marian Anderson, Maya Angelou, Ella Fitzgerald, Mae  
9 Jemison, Coretta Scott King, Judge Constance Baker Motley, former First Lady  
10 Hillary Rodham Clinton, and former First Lady Michelle Obama; and  
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12 WHEREAS, local and statewide members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
13 Incorporated®, include Judge Andree Layton Roaf, former Senator Irma Lee  
14 Hunter Brown, former Representative Nancy Blount, former Representative  
15 Wilhelmina Lewellen, Senator Jamie Scott, Representative Joy Springer, former  
16 Senator Linda Pondexter Chesterfield, and Deputy Director and Assistant  
17 Secretary of the Senate Sabrina NeKay E. Lewellen; and  
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19 WHEREAS, there are twenty-one (21) chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
20 Sorority, Incorporated®, throughout the state, and each chapter is proud of  
21 its community efforts in the areas of education, the arts, economic  
22 development, and health care; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, responds to the  
25 contemporary needs of the Black community with comprehensive nontraditional  
26 programs; and  
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28 WHEREAS, the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®,  
29 "Service to All Mankind", began at its inception, and as a result the  
30 sorority has remained at the forefront of positive change in American life;  
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33 WHEREAS, during each biennial regular session of the General Assembly,  
34 a day is designated as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State Capitol, drawing  
35 together Arkansas's constitutional officers, elected officials, and sorority  
36 members from across the state, the south central region, and the

1 International Office of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, to  
2 encourage participation in the legislative process,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
6 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the Senate commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, for  
9 its service work and contributions to the State of Arkansas, the south  
10 central region of the United States, and internationally, and celebrate  
11 February 25, 2025, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State Capitol.

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
14 provided by the Secretary of the Senate to Dr. Shawn G. Simmons, the South  
15 Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Mrs.  
16 DeMetris Sampson, International Connection Committee chairman of Alpha Kappa  
17 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, and Mrs. Alexandria Taylor, New Mexico  
18 Connection Committee chairman of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

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