

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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4
5 By: Senator R. Murdock
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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 13, 2025, AS IOTA PHI THETA
10 FRATERNITY, INC., DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 13, 2025, AS IOTA PHI
15 THETA FRATERNITY, INC., DAY AT THE STATE
16 CAPITOL.
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18 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., is a historically African
19 American fraternity and was founded on Thursday, September 19, 1963, at
20 Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland; and
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22 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., is currently the fifth
23 largest Black Greek-letter fraternity with over seventy-five thousand
24 (75,000) members worldwide; and
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26 WHEREAS, today there are over three hundred fifty (350) undergraduate
27 and alumni chapters of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., located in forty (40)
28 states, the District of Columbia, the Bahamas, Colombia, South Korea, and
29 Japan; and
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31 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas currently has five (5) undergraduate
32 chapters of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., and two (2) alumni chapters; and
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34 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., holds membership in the
35 National Pan-Hellenic Council, an umbrella organization commonly referred to
36 as the "Divine Nine", which is composed of international historically African



1 American Greek-letter sororities and fraternities; and

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3 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., is in partnership with the
4 Brown & Gold Public Affairs Committee, focused on supporting public policy
5 and law that affirms, supports, and expands the citizenship rights of
6 fraternity members in accordance with the fraternity's principles, and by
7 extension residents of the community; and

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9 WHEREAS, members of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., are currently
10 serving or have served in public service in the great State of Arkansas,
11 including Brother Dr. D'Andre Jones, City Councilman, Fayetteville, District
12 1, Brother Jaylen Smith, Mayor of Earle, Arkansas, and Brother Lioneld
13 Jordan, former Mayor of Fayetteville, Arkansas,

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
17 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 THAT the Senate recognize March 13, 2025, as Iota Phi Theta Fraternity,
20 Inc., Day at the State Capitol.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
23 presented to the leadership of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., by the
24 Secretary of the Senate.

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