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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, founded on the campus of Howard University in 1908 and incorporated in 1913, has established a mandate for carrying out the vision of a new day of excellence and performance; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the nation's oldest African-American sorority; the Sorority has never changed its mission to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, promote unity and friendship among college women, help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social status, maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

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WHEREAS, The 2018-2022 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. administration, under the dynamic and creative leadership of International President Dr. Glenda Glover, who also serves as the first female President of her alma mater Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee, continues to fulfill the service imperative of the organization's founders with the International Program "Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service"; this program concentrates on: Target #1-Historically Black Colleges and Universities-A Call for Action, Target #2-Women's Health and Wellness, Target #3-Building Your Economic Legacy, Target #4-The Arts, and

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1 Target #5-Global Impact; and

2 WHEREAS, Many prominent women have been or are members of  
3 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., including the late First Lady  
4 Eleanor Roosevelt, the late civil rights leaders Coretta Scott  
5 King and Rosa Parks, actress Phylicia Rashad, the late poet  
6 Maya Angelou, writer Toni Morrison, singer Alicia Keys,  
7 attorney Star Jones, financial expert Mellody Hobson,  
8 comedian/actress Wanda Sykes, actress Jada Pinkett-Smith, Cook  
9 County Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough, Cook County Board  
10 President Toni Preckwinkle, U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, and the  
11 former President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf; and

12 WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Julianna Stratton and Representative  
13 LaToya Greenwood are the newest members of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
14 Sorority, Inc.; seasoned members of the sorority include  
15 Assistant Majority Leader Mattie Hunter and Senator Toi  
16 Hutchinson; and

17 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's storied history of proven  
18 leadership and extensive involvement in the world community  
19 through strategic partnerships evidence the sorority's  
20 potential to significantly contribute to the world community;  
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22 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated made

1 history and expanded its international presence when it  
2 chartered its first chapter, Omega Theta Omega, in the Middle  
3 East; the chapter's 37 women, located in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and  
4 throughout the United Arab Emirates, are business executives,  
5 attorneys, educators, and physicians, among other accomplished  
6 professionals; and

7 WHEREAS, Leadership development is essential to the  
8 vitality of the organization, and the sorority's continuing  
9 requirements of academic excellence, shared values, and  
10 dedication to the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha ensure a  
11 continuous wellspring of quality leaders; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the date of  
14 May 8, 2019 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in the State of Illinois  
15 in honor of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and its  
16 work; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
18 presented to Central Regional Director Sonya L. Bowen,  
19 International President Dr. Glenda Glover, Illinois State  
20 Connection Coordinator Kimberly Irene Egonmwan, and Illinois  
21 State Connection Chair Nia Odeoti-Hassan.