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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On January 15, 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded by Ethel Hedgemon Lyle and eight other collegiate women with the mission to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has a rich history of social action; in 1915, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated hosted its first political action conference with human rights activist and Illinois Congressman Martin B. Madden as the speaker, marking its commitment to progress through advocacy, education, social progress, and political engagement; and

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WHEREAS, Soaring to greater heights of service and sisterhood, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated established its headquarters on the south side of Chicago in 1949, becoming more complex, while expanding to mobilize over 360,000 initiated members in 1,086 chapters in 50 U.S. states and territories and 12 nations, focusing on advocacy and

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1 service projects aimed at improving socioeconomic, racial,
2 political, and environmental issues, further amplifying its
3 influence; and

4 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's
5 diverse collaborative work throughout the United States and
6 including but not limited to the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, the
7 Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and the United Arab Emirates
8 integrates an elevated level of personal engagement with the
9 strong bonds of sisterhood and a productive network of
10 community partners; and

11 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's annual
12 advocacy day event is an opportunity for its members to meet
13 and discuss proposed legislation with Illinois lawmakers,
14 engage in educational workshops concentrated on the Illinois
15 Legislative Black Caucus four key pillars of Illinois
16 government, and explore ways to enhance civic engagement; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois is home to 46 Alpha Kappa Alpha
18 Sorority, Incorporated chapters, of which 18 are located on
19 college and university campuses and 28 are alumnae chapters
20 located in communities throughout the State; and

21 WHEREAS, The Illinois chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha
22 Sorority, Incorporated along with chapters located throughout

1 Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South
2 Dakota, and Wisconsin are designated as the sorority's Central
3 Region, and this region is home to 96 empowered and engaged
4 chapters focused on advocacy and service; and

5 WHEREAS, On April 30, 2025, Illinois members of Alpha
6 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will participate in Alpha
7 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day at the Illinois State
8 Capitol; and

9 WHEREAS, In a collective effort to advance the priorities
10 of the respective communities in which they serve, the
11 Illinois delegation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
12 Incorporated will be joined by the Illinois delegation of
13 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated for Alpha Kappa Alpha
14 Sorority, Incorporated Day at the Illinois State Capitol for
15 the empowerment of the people; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 30,
18 2025 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day in the
19 State of Illinois.