

SR98, As Adopted by Senate, September 27, 2017

Senator Knezek offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 98.

A resolution recognizing September 27, 2017, as "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day".

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is the oldest Greek-lettered organization to have been established by African-American college-educated women; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded at Howard University in Washington, DC, in 1908; and

Whereas, Founder Ethel Hedgeman Lyle envisioned the sorority as an instrument for enriching campus life by promoting unity and cultivating high academic and ethical standards; and

Whereas, Through the years, the sorority's function has become more complex, branching out to engage members worldwide in advocacy and service projects to improve socioeconomic, racial, political and environmental conditions; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha's diverse, collaborative work throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and United Arab Emirates integrates a high level of personal engagement with the strong bonds of sisterhood and a productive network of community partners; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha undergraduate chapters in this State include Beta Eta, Beta Mu, Xi, Delta Zeta, Delta Chi, Beta Iota, Zeta Rho, Theta Tau, Mu Phi, Nu Phi, Xi Phi, Xi Chi, Pi Delta, Sigma Zeta, and Zeta Epsilon; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha graduate chapters in this State include Alpha Rho Omega, Delta Tau Omega, Delta Psi Omega, Zeta Beta Omega, Eta Iota Omega, Eta Upsilon Omega, Theta Lambda Omega, Theta Chi Omega, Iota Iota Omega, Iota Sigma Omega, Lambda Pi Omega, Mu Alpha Omega, Nu Phi Omega, Pi Tau Omega, Tau Alpha Omega, Chi Epsilon Omega, Psi Kappa Omega, Tau Alpha Omega, Epsilon Sigma Omega, Iota Tau Omega, Mu Nu Omega, Omega Epsilon Omega, Omega Xi Omega; and

Whereas, In keeping with its participation in public policy initiatives, Alpha Kappa Alpha conducts "Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Capitol" events in many states; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha members are coming to the Michigan State Capitol on September 27, 2017, to celebrate their distinguished sisterhood and their ongoing work on behalf of local and global initiatives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That September 27, 2017, be recognized as "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day"; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and the Delta Tau Omega Chapter in recognition of all Michigan chapters.