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A CEREMONAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated Mu Lambda Chapter's centennial celebration.

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated was founded on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University by the seven visionary founders Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy;

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American men;

WHEREAS, twenty-two men founded the Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Incorporated;

WHEREAS, Mu Lambda is the eleventh alumni chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated;

WHEREAS, Mu Lambda was chartered on October 1, 1923 in Washington, D.C. in part as response to the desire of Howard University graduates and to aid the undergraduate brothers;

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha's objectives are to stimulate the ambition of its members; to prepare them for the greatest usefulness in the causes of humanity, freedom, and dignity of the individual; to encourage the highest and noblest form of manhood; and to aid downtrodden humanity in its efforts to achieve higher social, economic and intellectual status.

WHEREAS, the Mu Lambda Foundation was incorporated in 1994 to provide community service to residents of Washington, D.C. and improve the lives of those less fortunate;

WHEREAS, the Mu Lambda Foundation sponsored the Beautillion program for more than seventeen years to mentor African American high school students through workshops on social skills, college preparedness, and scholarships;

50 WHEREAS, the Mu Lambda Foundation’s current programs include serving as mentors to twenty  
51 to fifty young men ages 12-18;

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53 WHEREAS, the Mu Lambda Foundation also focuses on literacy, serving women of the House of  
54 Ruth, voter education registration, and health and wellness through mobile oral health screenings for  
55 children;

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57 WHEREAS, the Mu Lambda Foundation was awarded the 2019 Special Appreciation Award  
58 from the House of Ruth;

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60 WHEREAS, through Project Alpha, the Mu Lambda Foundation in conjunction with a retired  
61 Superior Court Judge and law professor at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clark  
62 School of Law established the Youth Court of the District of Columbia;

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64 WHEREAS, the Mu Lambda Foundation's Youth Court of the District of Columbia works to  
65 assist in preventing incarceration and victimization of youth providing diversion programming for D.C.’s  
66 troubled youth;

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68 WHEREAS the Youth Court of the District Columbia works with the Metropolitan Police  
69 Department, Attorney General office, and the United States Department of Justice to ensure youth are  
70 referred to the program rather than the judicial system;

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72 WHEREAS, the Mu Lambda Chapter headquarters (the Alpha House) is located in Ward 5 at  
73 2405 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW, or 2405 Alpha Phi Alpha Way, Washington, D.C. 20001;

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75 WHEREAS, the Mu Lambda Foundation has awarded over \$310,000 in scholarships to more  
76 than 200 [college? high school?] students;

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78 WHEREAS, the Mu Lambda Foundation’s Henry Arthur Callis Scholarship was established with  
79 an initial gift of \$5,000 by Dr. Henry Arthur Callis, a physician, professor, and founder of Alpha Phi  
80 Alpha Fraternity Incorporated is awarded to high achieving high school seniors in the city with financial  
81 need;

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83 WHEREAS, notable member of the Mu Lambda Chapter include \_\_\_\_\_; and

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85 WHEREAS, the Mu Lambda Chapter will celebrate its centennial entitled the Renaissance  
86 Centennial Celebration on September 20, 2023.

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88 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution  
89 may be cited as the “Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated Mu Lambda Chapter Centennial  
90 Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

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92 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors recognizes and honors Alpha Phi Alpha  
93 Fraternity Incorporated and its members for their dedication, commitment and contribution to the District  
94 of Columbia.

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96 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the  
97 District of Columbia Register.