

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated as an organization that has provided a voice and a strong vision to the struggle of African Americans and people of color in the District of Columbia and around the world and to declare December 4, 2023 as “Alpha Phi Alpha Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated (“Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity”), the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American men, was founded on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York;

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity recognizes the following seven men, “The Jewels,” as its 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 develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities;

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity prepares its members for the greatest usefulness in the causes of humanity, freedom, and dignity for all people;

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity’s aims include manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind;

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity encourages the highest and most noble form of manhood and aids downtrodden humanity in its efforts to achieve higher social, economic, and intellectual status;

WHEREAS, national programs such as Brother’s Keeper, A Voteless People is a Hopeless People, Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College, and Project Alpha form the foundation and cornerstone of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity’s community initiatives;

47 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has three college and three alumni chapters of
48 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, including the Beta Chapter established in 1907, the Mu Lambda
49 Chapter established in 1923, the Omicron Lambda Alpha Chapter established in 1952, the Nu
50 Beta Chapter established in 1977, the Omicron Omicron Chapter established in 1982, and the
51 Omicron Eta Lambda Chapter established in 1985;

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53 WHEREAS, the achievements of all six chapters include social, civic, and humanitarian
54 contributions that have made a significant impact on the quality of life for District of Columbia
55 residents;

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57 WHEREAS, each chapter invests time and resources into the development of youth in the
58 District of Columbia through mentoring programs, community projects, fundraisers, and
59 scholarships; and

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61 WHEREAS, December 4, 1906 is the date that Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity recognizes as
62 its Founders' Day.

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64 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, this resolution
65 may be cited as the "Alpha Phi Alpha Day Recognition Resolution of 2023".

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67 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the contributions
68 of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated to the sustained progress of District of Columbia
69 residents, and declares December 4, 2023 as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day" in the District of Columbia.

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