



Councilmember Brandon T. Todd

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and congratulate the Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on the occasion of its 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908;

WHEREAS, AKA is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women and is comprised of nearly 300,000 members;

WHEREAS, founded in 1923, Xi Omega Chapter (Xi Omega) of AKA was the first AKA graduate chapter established in the District of Columbia and was chartered under the leadership of AKA Founder and Incorporator, Norma E. Boyd;

WHEREAS, Xi Omega's commitment to health care dates back to the 1930's when Xi Omega members traveled to the Mississippi Delta, along with Alpha Kappa Alpha women from around the country, to set up mobile clinics to inoculate children against diphtheria and smallpox;

WHEREAS, in the 1940's the Surgeon General of the United States recognized the Mississippi Delta Health Project as the first volunteer health project in the rural South;

WHEREAS, Norma Elizabeth Boyd, a founder of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, charter member and a President of Xi Omega, established the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs to assure decent living conditions for people of color and in 1938 the first goals of the Council were to eliminate police brutality in the District of Columbia and to establish home rule;

WHEREAS, in 1946, the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs was accredited at the United Nations as a nongovernmental-participating organization, and under the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs' auspices, 20 students, teachers and other school officials from the District of Columbia traveled to the United Nations General Assembly;

36 WHEREAS, in 1988, the Pearl and Ivy Education Foundation (PIEF) was  
37 established as the fundraising arm of Xi Omega;

38 WHEREAS, PIEF's primary mission is to provide scholarships to deserving and  
39 exemplary college-bound high school seniors and continuing college students in the  
40 District of Columbia and to date has awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships;

41 WHEREAS, Xi Omega's civic activism includes voter registration drives, voter  
42 forums and transporting voters to the polls;

43 WHEREAS, Xi Omega has continued to address health disparities in the African  
44 American community with specific programs targeting children, working adults and  
45 seniors, and the Chapter has conducted health fairs and child wellness screenings;

46 WHEREAS, under the leadership of President April Gaines-Jernigan, Xi Omega  
47 continues to provide meaningful service in the areas of education, health, and human  
48 rights;

49 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2018, the Xi Omega Chapter will celebrate its 95<sup>th</sup>  
50 anniversary at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C.; and

51 WHEREAS, after 95 years of service to the District of Columbia, the Xi Omega  
52 Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated remains committed to sisterhood,  
53 leadership and service.

54 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
55 resolution may be cited as the "Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
56 Incorporated 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2018".

57 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Xi Omega Chapter  
58 of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for 95 years of sisterhood and service and  
59 recognizes the chapter for its outstanding contributions to the District of Columbia.

60 Sec. 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of  
61 publication in the District of Columbia Register.