

Substitute for House Resolution No. 158.

A resolution to declare September 27, 2017, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 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, D.C., 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, Michigan hosts over 30 Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters which are located on college and university campuses and have active alumnae groups in communities throughout the state; 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 House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 27, 2017, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Tau Omega Chapter in recognition of all Michigan chapters.