

SPECIAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®, SIGMA RHO OMEGA CHAPTER ON ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

WHEREAS, on January 10, 1990, six visionary and devoted members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®—Dr. Alma B. Petteway, Eursla D. Hardy, *Janie P. Wagner, Dr. Dorothy L. Holt, Lois P. Coleman, and Harriet N. Williams—answered the call to expand the Sorority’s presence in Shreveport, Louisiana, forming the “Jewels for Humanity” interest group to lay the foundation for what would become a second graduate chapter; and

WHEREAS, with the dedicated support of the late Jewel McFarland Thomas, the 17th South Central Regional Director, and the addition of 21 dynamic Sorors, the **Sigma Rho Omega Chapter** was officially chartered on May 19, 1990, as the 111th chapter in the Sensational South Central Region; and

WHEREAS, for 35 years, Sigma Rho Omega Chapter has embodied the Alpha Kappa Alpha mission of “Service to All Mankind,” growing to more than 200 accomplished members and leaving a lasting impact in Caddo Parish and surrounding communities through programs in education, health, youth development, and civic engagement; and


WHEREAS, the Chapter’s renowned **Debutante Program**, now in its 32nd year, has guided over 650 high school seniors through leadership training, civic responsibility, and personal growth, while awarding over 288 scholarships and contributing more than 60,000 hours of service; and



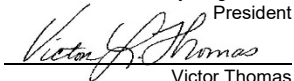

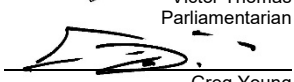
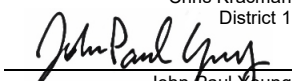
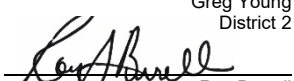
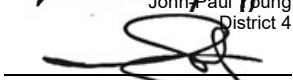

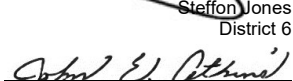
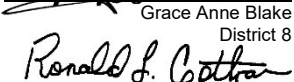
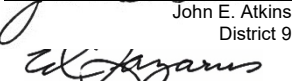
WHEREAS, Sigma Rho Omega has deepened its service commitment through initiatives like the Pearls of Humanity Foundation and the Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack (AKA CHIPPTM), providing more than 17,000 meals to local children, and continues to advance Alpha Kappa Alpha’s International Program Initiatives in family empowerment, economic development, environmental stewardship, social justice, and community uplift;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this ___ day of May 2025, that it does hereby recognize and commend the **Sigma Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®** for 35 years of visionary leadership, transformative service, and unwavering commitment to the betterment of Caddo Parish and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Chapter President Dr. Markey W. Pierre and the members of the Sigma Rho Omega Chapter with sincere appreciation and congratulations on this milestone in their extraordinary legacy of service.

ATTEST:


Jeff Everson
Commission Clerk

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