

# State of Louisiana



## Parish of Caddo In the Name and By the Authority of The Caddo Parish Commission

### Special Resolution of Recognition for

#### 94th South Central Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is an international service organization founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington in 1908, and is recognized as the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has grown to include more than 390,000 initiated members in over 1,115 graduate and undergraduate chapters located in 15 nations and territories, united by a legacy of scholarship, leadership, and community service; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding, the sorority has remained committed to its five fundamental tenets: cultivating and encouraging high scholastic and ethical standards; promoting unity and friendship among college women; studying and helping to alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature; maintaining a progressive interest in college life; and providing "Service to All Mankind"; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization is currently led by International President and CEO Danette Anthony Reed, whose administration's theme, "Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood," is guided by five initiatives: Strengthen Our Sisterhood, Empower Our Families, Build Our Economic Wealth, Enhance Our Environment, Advocate for Social Justice, and Uplift Our Local Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, established in 1924, includes more than 19,000 members throughout Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, and New Mexico, and is currently led by the 27th South Central Regional Director, Dr. Shawn Emerson-Simmons; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the South Central Region will gather in Shreveport from March 26-29, 2026, for the 94th South Central Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, held under the theme "The Real Deal: Betting on Service and Sisterhood," bringing together members for inspiring workshops, meaningful fellowship, and opportunities to celebrate collective achievements while recommitting to the sorority's mission of service and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, with more than 6,000 registered attendees and thousands of social delegates expected to attend, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will "paint the city pink and green," bringing significant cultural energy and generating millions of dollars in economic impact for the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Caddo Parish Commission is honored to welcome the distinguished members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated to Caddo Parish and recognizes the organization's enduring commitment to service, education, leadership, and community empowerment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated attending the 94th South Central Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Caddo Parish Commission commends the sorority for its long-standing legacy of scholarship, leadership, and service to communities around the world and expresses sincere appreciation for the positive impact its members continue to make in the lives of families and communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Caddo Parish Commission wishes the conference every success and hopes that all attendees enjoy the hospitality, culture, and spirit of Caddo Parish during their visit.

**ATTEST:**



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