

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES  
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.  
NATIONAL FOUNDERS' DAY JANUARY 15, 2013**

- WHEREAS:** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA) was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC in 1908 and is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-trained women; and
- WHEREAS:** The mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and
- WHEREAS:** Alpha Kappa Alpha has approximately 260,000 members, 956 chapters, worldwide developing and implementing Global Leadership Through Timeless Service programming intended to help transform the economic, educational and health outcomes of their local communities and the world. The number of lives impacted in the past year alone is 5,882,849; and
- WHEREAS:** Its membership is comprised of distinguished women who boast excellent academic records, proven leadership skills, and are involved in the global community through advocacy and service. Alpha Kappa Alpha has dedicated itself to improving the quality of life for citizens worldwide and promoting peace; and
- WHEREAS:** Psi Alpha Omega Chapter, with 116 members having been chartered on December 10, 2005, to serve both Clayton and Henry Counties has specifically partnered locally with Rainbow House, Inc., The House of Dawn, Hands of Hope, Inc., United Urban Ministries, Clayton County Public Schools, Southern Regional Hospital Foundation, Clayton County Department of Family and Children Services, Arts Clayton, and Securus House, to name a few in providing service where needed. The Chapter's combined service hours to date is approximately 30,000; and
- WHEREAS:** The celebration and importance of Founders' Day is acknowledged through various community projects such as health fairs, collections of toiletry items and can goods to be donated to local shelters and food banks, and the donation of books to schools and shelters on both the national and local level; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County recognizes the continued dedication and commitment of the Sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and their leadership in the community; now
- THEREFORE:** I, SHANA M. ROOKS, Commissioner, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize 2013 National Founders' Day of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in Clayton County, Georgia. I encourage all citizens to join in this celebration and tribute to the Sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as they celebrate 105 years of service to all mankind.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year two thousand thirteen.

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Shana M. Rooks, Commissioner