



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1908 Ethel Hedgeman Lyles and eight other college students on the campus of Howard University, Washington, D.C., organized Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

WHEREAS, for 109 years Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has continued to enforce the mission and motto of the organization, "Truth and Service to all Mankind"; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has more than 1,000 undergraduate and graduate chapters across the United States and abroad perpetuating service to others, while demanding excellence among its membership; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Atlantic Region, which comprises North Carolina and Virginia under the leadership of Regional Director Joyce Henderson, has more than 8,000 college-trained members who are teachers, nurses, doctors, lawyers, judges, entrepreneurs, and accountants, among other professions; and

WHEREAS, International President Dr. Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson challenged the members of the sorority with her message: "**Be the Voice** of the voiceless and the hopeless by working on programs that enhance communities in mental health promotion, civil rights, social justice, voter education, voter registration, voter mobilization, and voter participation. **Be the Voice** to improve youth literacy, youth hunger, and youth playground equipment";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the 64th Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, April 27, 2017, as "**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.