

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7**

1           A resolution to declare January 15, 2019, as Alpha Kappa Alpha  
2 Sorority, Incorporated, Founders' Day in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is the  
4 oldest Greek-lettered organization to have been established by  
5 African-American college-educated women; and

6           Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded at Howard University in  
7 Washington, D.C., in 1908; and

8           Whereas, Founder Ethel Hedgeman Lyle envisioned the sorority  
9 as an instrument for enriching campus life by promoting unity and  
10 cultivating high academic and ethical standards; and

11           Whereas, Through the years, the sorority's function has become  
12 more complex, branching out to engage members worldwide in advocacy



1 and service projects to improve socioeconomic, racial, political,  
2 and environmental conditions; and

3       Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha's diverse, collaborative work  
4 throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and  
5 United Arab Emirates integrates a high level of personal engagement  
6 with the strong bonds of sisterhood and a productive network of  
7 community partners; and

8       Whereas, Michigan hosts over 30 Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters  
9 which are located on college and university campuses and have  
10 active alumnae groups in communities throughout the state; and

11       Whereas, The Great Lakes Region is home to 97 empowered and  
12 engaged chapters serving Michigan, Ohio, Western New York, Western  
13 Pennsylvania, and West Virginia; and now, therefore, be it

14       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
15 this legislative body declare January 15, 2019, as Alpha Kappa  
16 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Founders' Day in the state of  
17 Michigan; and be it further

18       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
19 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Pi Tau Chapter in recognition of all  
20 Michigan chapters.