

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 305349

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is an international organization of over 200,000 college-educated women in 865 undergraduate and alumni chapters that was founded in 1908 and celebrated its Centennial Year in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Epsilon Xi Omega Chapter was chartered in San Diego, California on October 29, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Epsilon Xi Omega Chapter's membership of 180 professional women, including educators, physicians, nurses, attorneys, public and nonprofit administrators, business owners, and those in other service fields living and working in San Diego, has served the San Diego community for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, three of the original charter members of Epsilon Xi Omega, Verna King, Bernice Small, and Gladys Bartleson Ross Williams, continue to be active members of the Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Epsilon Xi Omega Chapter was the first African American organization to hold polio clinics in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Epsilon Xi Omega Chapter has presented its annual Debutante Program for the past 55 years, a program which has inspired over 1,000 young women to achieve academic and personal success in college and in their professional careers; and

WHEREAS, Epsilon Xi Omega Chapter continues to provide scholarships totaling over \$20,000 annually to deserving San Diego high school and college students; and

WHEREAS, Epsilon Xi Omega Chapter has operated 12 Head Start Centers in East San Diego County for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Epsilon Xi Omega Chapter has partnered with the San Diego Unified School District to support the Walter J. Porter (formerly Kennedy) School for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Epsilon Xi Omega Chapter has sponsored the award-winning Ivy Reading AKAdemy at Oak Park Elementary School and the School of Talibah, a stellar Saturday school designed to interest elementary and middle school students in math and science, as well as a number of other innovative tutoring projects for many years; and

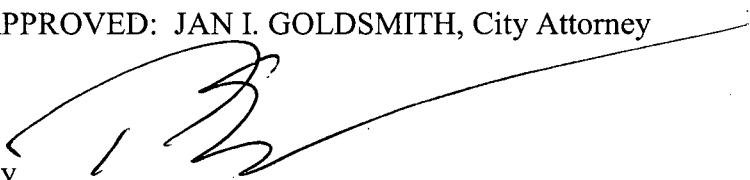
WHEREAS, Epsilon Xi Omega Chapter has financially supported numerous other community organizations over the years, including the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), Jackie Robinson YMCA, Malcolm X Library, Common Ground Theatre, The Girl's Club, San Diego Urban League, San Diego NAACP, San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce, and San Diego-Tema Sister City Society; and

WHEREAS, Epsilon Xi Omega Chapter will commemorate its 60th anniversary of service to San Diego at a public luncheon on Sunday, October 25, 2009; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim October 27, 2009, to be "**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA, INC. SORORITY DAY**" in the City of San Diego and commend the members of the San Diego Chapter for their long and dedicated service.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

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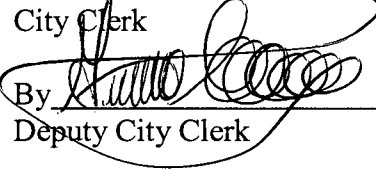


Paul F. Prather
Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of OCT 27 2009.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 11-12-09
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

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