

State of Louisiana



Parish of Caddo

In the Name and By the Authority of The Caddo Parish Commission Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge events of significance that occur in the community, and to recognize the organizations and individuals who are now and for a long time have been in the forefront of positive and worthy activities and deeds that accrue to the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, such an organization is the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's Delta Lambda Omega Chapter in Shreveport, Louisiana who were chartered on February 3, 1947 and today celebrate their 75 Anniversary of dedicated and distinguished service since Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace, who served as the Regional Director, organized and chartered Delta Lambda Omega Chapter with chartered members Irma Green Jackson, Mae Etta Scott, Nannie Lou Leech, Zurline Baker, Mable Walker, Maxine Chambers and Hattie Fletcher; and

WHEREAS, the chapter's membership increased and along with continued growth, its priorities and goals expanded to serve Caddo, Bossier and DeSoto parishes. Their first Fundraiser was a piano concert by Lois Towles at Central Colored High School on November 18, 1947. Since 1949, Delta Lambda Omega has awarded annual scholarships during the James Sylvester Hall Senior Luncheon recognizes the top African American college bound girls from local schools. Delta Lambda Omega's members have proudly served on international, regional, and local levels in our esteemed sisterhood including Mrs. Dorothy S. Johnson (deceased) as the 15th South Central Regional Director and Ms. Tari T. Bradford as the 22nd South Central Regional Director; and

WHEREAS, Delta Lambda Omega Chapter has enthusiastically implemented a variety of programs, events, and educational offerings to enhance the lives of community members. The chapter is widely known for the Shoe Bank program, which provides shoes and socks for underprivileged school-aged students. In 2018, the chapter was acknowledged as one of the longest operational programs by the national organization, Reading is Fundamental (RIF) for sponsoring and implementing reading program and free book distributions for over 40 years. While celebrating the 112th Founders' Day of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, a Gala was held in February 2020, and a donation of \$3,000.00 was awarded to Southern University Shreveport and Grambling State University; and

WHEREAS, the chapter partnered with LSU Health Shreveport to host free mammograms in the Ivy Crown parking lot, supported American Heart Association with 2020's Pink Goes Red activity featuring heart healthy meals created by minority-owned small businesses, blood pressure checks & heart healthy exercises; an Alzheimer's support group at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church Life Center; donations of eyeglasses to Lions Club International; donations of shoes in support of the Soles4Souls, financial donations to LSU Health Shreveport Office of Diversity Affairs, the American Cancer Society, the NWLA Sickle Cell Disease Association, the NAACP, the NW Food Bank and the Providence House's efforts to provide housing to women and their families experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, under the 2022 Presidency of Mrs. Charlene M. Voorhies, Delta Lambda Omega Chapter has a membership of 281 and maintains a status as a premier chapter, offering educational programs, academic scholarships, and striving to make a positive change and support like-minded organizations.

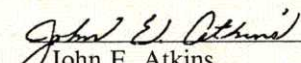
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal session convened, that it does hereby proclaim and recognize February 3, 2022 as:

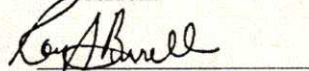
"Alpha Kappa Alpha Incorporated's Delta Lambda Omega Chapter Day"


in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, entreating all citizens of the Parish to join in applauding this observance and in honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Delta Lambda Omega Chapter and its members.


ATTEST:




John E. Atkins
President


Roy Burrell
Vice President


Lyndon Johnson
District 2


Jeff Everson
Commission Clerk