

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 180715)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and Recognizing Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated and Welcoming the 84th Grand Chapter Meeting to the City of Philadelphia in July 2019.

WHEREAS, On January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, Elder Watson Diggs, John Milton Lee, Byron K. Armstrong, Guy Levis Grant, Ezra D. Alexander, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Paul W. Caine, Edward G. Irvin, and George W. Edmonds founded Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Through their vision, these ten astute men founded a college fraternity now comprised of functioning Undergraduate and Alumni Chapters on campuses and in cities throughout this nation and the world and through their seed, a fraternal tree was grown whose fruit of membership is available to, and now enjoyed by over 150,000 college men, regardless of color, religion, or nation origin; and

WHEREAS, From its origin through today, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is a unique organization in that its members share a common purpose of achievement in every field of human endeavor and this unified purpose is exemplified every day by its members in Congress, city halls, courtrooms, boardrooms, newsrooms, classrooms, concert halls, film and recording studios, physicians' offices, athletic fields, fields of combat, pulpits, etc.; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the achievement of its members, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is dedicated to training for leadership and through its various programs, including the A-Man initiative, Achievement Academy, Guide Right, Kappa Kamp, and Kappa League has mentored several young men into the past, current, and future leaders of our country; and

WHEREAS, Members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity have a lifelong commitment to serving the common man and, through this commitment, have provided substantial support to the Kappa Foundation St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, United Negro

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College Fund, Habitat for Humanity, and several other nationwide to grassroots community service initiatives around the world; and

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the City of Philadelphia share a special bond in that the Fraternity's International Headquarters is located in Philadelphia and, historically, the Greater Philadelphia Region has been home to hundreds of members in both Undergraduate and Alumni Chapters; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and welcome its members to Philadelphia as the host of the 84th grand chapter meeting to be celebrated in 2019 in Philadelphia, Tuesday, July 30th to Sunday, August 4th.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Thomas L. Battles, Jr, 33rd Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty first of June, 2018.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Green and Parker

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Green, Parker, Reynolds Brown