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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY,
INCORPORATED
PHI OMEGA CHAPTER: SERVICE TO ALL MANKIND
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was founded on January 15, 1908, the first Greek-letter sisterhood established and incorporated by African-American college women. The Phi Omega Chapter was chartered in Winston-Salem on February 14, 1924, as the Sorority's first graduate chapter in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter's five charter members were Adelaide Smith, Audrey Williams, Maude Young Ray, Mamie Williams, and Marguerite Adams; and

WHEREAS, the Phi Omega Chapter currently has more than 160 members who work diligently to fulfill the Sorority's commitment to be of "service to all mankind" through community service projects. During the spring, Phi Omega members collect gently used business attire, which they then donate to Goodwill Industries' Success Outfitters Project. The Chapter's Global Poverty Committee has donated vegetables from its community garden to seniors, churches, and food pantries in Winston-Salem. The Chapter also prepared and served some of the produce from its garden at a community dinner held at Green Street United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Phi Omega Chapter strives to prepare the younger generation by demonstrating the importance of education through action. From working in soup kitchens to conducting voter registration drives, Phi Omega continues to be of service to mankind with countless community initiatives 95 years after its chartering. The chapter tackles health and environmental concerns by participating at health fairs and planting in a community garden. They host an annual Christmas party at Bethlehem Center which brings joy, food, and warm blankets to

pre-school aged children in Winston-Salem. Phi Omega also prepares high school students for the next level of their education by hosting reading tutorials and SAT preparation classes, donating school supplies to low income students, and awarding scholarship money to those in need, and

WHEREAS, the Phi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. celebrates 95 highly successful years of service due to the collaboration, support, and hard work of all past and current leaders and members. Organizations such as this, which stand the test of time, are a direct result of phenomenal teamwork.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and Members of the City Council, of the City of Winston-Salem, do hereby congratulate the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. on its 95th anniversary, express grateful appreciation to the Chapter for its many years of active involvement in the community, and extend best wishes for the Chapter's future.

Dated this 3rd Day of February, 2020