

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PHI OMEGA CHAPTER  
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.®  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

***WHEREAS,** Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® was the first graduate chapter chartered in North Carolina on February 14, 1924; and*

***WHEREAS,** since its inception, the members of Phi Omega Chapter have given tirelessly to the Winston-Salem and Forsyth County communities with Ivy Arms affordable housing, and provided thousands of dollars in college scholarships; and*

***WHEREAS,** Phi Omega Chapter members are an example of excellence serving as community leaders, elected officials, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, and networkers promoting service in every endeavor; and*

***WHEREAS,** the late Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, a native of Winston-Salem and a former member and President of Phi Omega Chapter, served as 20th International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc®.; and*

***WHEREAS,** the first two African American women and Phi Omega Chapter Members to serve on the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen were Dr. Virginia K. Newell and the late Vivian H. Burke. Dr. Newell served from 1977 to 1993; Mrs. Burke served from 1977 until her death in 2020. She was Mayor Pro Tempore from 1989-1993 and from 1997-2020.*

***WHEREAS,** Phi Omega Chapter has a strong history and presence in serving the community, state, nation, and internationally. During the Centennial Year under the leadership of President Evelyn P. Acree, Phi Omega collaborated with members of the Divine 9 organizations in sponsoring nine Community Service Impact Projects, and established an Endowed Scholarship/Community Grant Fund at the Winston-Salem Foundation.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, do hereby commend and congratulate Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® for 100 years of “Service To All Mankind” in the City of Winston-Salem.*