

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND CELEBRATE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, DELTA LAMBDA OMEGA CHAPTER FOR THEIR 75 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

COUNCILMEMBERS: TABATHA TAYLOR AND JERRY BOWMAN, JR.

WHEREAS, the Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated was chartered February 3, 1947 by Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace and will celebrate 75 years of dedicated service this year; and

WHEREAS, as the Chapter's membership continued to increase, its priorities and goals expanded, serving Caddo, Bossier and DeSoto parishes; and

WHEREAS, the first fundraiser of Delta Lambda Omega Chapter was a piano concert by Lois Towles held in the auditorium at Central Colored High School on November 18, 1947; and

WHEREAS, since 1949, Delta Lambda Omega has awarded scholarships annually, the James Sylvester Hall Senior Luncheon recognizes the top African American girls from local schools, and during this event, awards ten competitive scholarships to college bound senior girls; and

WHEREAS, the 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the Women's Health Initiative, the Chapter partnered with LSU Health Shreveport to host the Feist-Weiller Mobile Mammography unit, which offered free mammograms on the parking lot of the Ivy Crown Building; and

WHEREAS, in support of the American Heart Association, the Chapter's 2020 Pink Goes Red activity featured heart healthy meals created by minority-owned small businesses and offered blood pressure checks and heart healthy exercises; and

WHEREAS, members of Delta Lambda Omega render service to a various community organizations including an Alzheimer's support group at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church Life Center; donations of eyeglasses to Lions Club International; and multiple donations of shoes in support of the Soles4Souls. Financial donations have also been made to LSU Health Shreveport Office of Diversity Affairs, the American Cancer Society, the NW LA Sickle Cell Disease Association, the NAACP, the NW Food Bank and the Providence House (a family homeless shelter for women); and

WHEREAS, under the 2022 Presidency of Mrs. Charlene M. Voorhies, Delta Lambda Omega Chapter has a membership of 281. As a premier chapter they continue to offer educational programs, academic scholarships, and strive to make a positive change and support like-minded organizations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, acting in due, regular, and legal session convened, that the City Council hereby congratulates and celebrates the Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated for their 75 years of dedicated service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to the Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated, and the other resolution filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office