



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was first established on January 15, 1908 as the vision of nine college students on the campus of Howard University; and*

*WHEREAS, since then, this female, African American Greek organization has flourished into a globally impactful organization of over 300,000 collegiate members bound by the bonds of sisterhood and empowered by a commitment to servant leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, on August 8, 1979, 18 members of the Ivette's Interest Group were chartered as Mu Sigma Omega in a ceremony that took place in the Foy Union Building at Auburn University and conducted by soror Johnella Martin, Regional Director of the South Eastern Region; and*

*WHEREAS, a public reception was held at the Opelika Holiday Inn following the ceremony to introduce the chapter to the Lee County area; and*

*WHEREAS, these 18 founding members were Yvonne Philips, Connie Frazier, Patsy Jones, Bernice Echols, Joann Blackmon, Glennie Peters, Gloria Morgan, Shirley Melton, Mary Brooks, JoAnn Harper, Johnnie Johnson, Beverly Johnson, Patricia Dees, Betty Reese, Bessie Jackson, Cynthia Williams, Jeanetta Jones and Sharon Richardson; and*

*WHEREAS, a year and a half later, Alpha Kappa Alpha established a small chapter in the Opelika/Auburn area to continue fostering the ideas of the sorority;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 18, 2019, as*

# *Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor