

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

HONORING Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sigma Psi Omega Chapter upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency on March 22, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations within the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sigma Psi Omega Chapter upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency, to be celebrated at its Hall of Honor event on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at the Woodbury Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sigma Psi Omega Chapter was chartered on June 23, 1990, in Hauppauge, New York, by past North Atlantic Regional Director Idell S. Pugh and 27 charter members; and

WHEREAS, The Chapter's early achievements include the establishment of its Youth of Distinction Program, economic empowerment, and fundraising for the Long Island Diabetes Foundation; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's purpose, the Ivy AKA-demy program was created in the Wyandanch community in 1991; the program focused on making a positive impact on local youth socially, academically, and economically, as well as to serve as role models, while forging alliances with parent support groups, community leaders and the business community; and

WHEREAS, Today, Sigma Psi Omega has contributed countless volunteer hours to numerous community initiatives, providing healthy meals and educational activities through Kids Club to the children of Family Service League South Shore/Brentwood and TriCYA Huntington; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Psi Omega also sponsors the Holiday Community Outreach Celebration for men, women, and children in need, and supports Suffolk County youth through scholarships, incentive awards and recognition programs; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this vital organization provides food items to several local soup kitchens, and donates school supplies, book bags, and toys to children of incarcerated and drug dependent parents with the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (LICADD); and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Sigma Psi Omega cultivates and encourages high scholastic and ethical standards, promotes unity and

friendship among college women, helps to alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, maintains progressive interest in college life, and is truly of "Service to All Mankind"; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sigma Psi Omega Chapter is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the sorority and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, In light of its commitment, dedication, and successful efforts, it is the practice of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sigma Psi Omega Chapter; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sigma Psi Omega Chapter upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency on March 22, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sigma Psi Omega Chapter.