

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMEMORATING the 70th Anniversary of Alpha Kappa
Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Nu Omega Chapter

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Nu Omega Chapter, to be celebrated at a Special Celebration at the New Rochelle Library on Thursday, March 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women; it was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., on January 15, 1908; and

WHEREAS, Presently, there are more than 360,000 initiated members within 12 countries, including the United States; the organization is committed to sisterhood, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, The Zeta Nu Omega Chapter was chartered on March 12, 1955, in New Rochelle, New York, and is the oldest chapter in Westchester County; the members have upheld the mission of service, education, and advocacy, striving to empower individuals, uplift their communities, and foster positive change; and

WHEREAS, Through a multitude of programs and initiatives, the Zeta Nu Omega Chapter has been at the forefront of initiating community efforts, providing service, and leading the way in the Westchester Community; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Chapter's service projects have been built around uplifting the family structure, enriching the educational experience, raising awareness of health issues affecting women and people of color, encouraging involvement in politics, promoting economic and financial literacy, and developing more leaders in the community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout seven decades, the contributions of the Zeta Nu Omega Chapter have ranged from global activities, such as the adoption of a school in West Africa, to local efforts, resulting in the distribution of more than \$750,000 in college scholarships to more than 600 young men and women in Westchester; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Nu Omega Chapter, has established the Zeta Nu Omega Chapter EAF Endowment Fund, a fully capitalized scholarship, in partnership with the AKA Educational

Advancement Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Nu Omega Chapter, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the communities they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Nu Omega Chapter; and be it further

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