

Citation of Congratulations

Recognizing Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. for Their Service

Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., founded on December 4, 1906, at Cornell University, stands as the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American men, grounded in the values of scholarship, fellowship, and service to all mankind; and

Whereas the fraternity's distinguished founders, known as the **Seven Jewels**—Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy—established a legacy of leadership and academic excellence that continues to guide the organization today; and

Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha has cultivated generations of prominent leaders, including civil rights icons and nationally recognized trailblazers, who have advanced justice, education, civic engagement, and community empowerment across the nation and throughout Oklahoma; and

Whereas, the strong presence and influence of Alpha Phi Alpha within Oklahoma County have contributed significantly to the cultural, educational, and economic advancement of the region, aligning with the county's mission to strengthen communities, expand opportunities, and enhance quality of life for all residents; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Oklahoma County Board of County Commissioners hereby honors and commends Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. for its extraordinary legacy of leadership, scholarship, and service, and for its continued contributions to the residents of Oklahoma County

Brian Maughan, Commissioner, District 2

Myles Davidson, Commissioner, District 3

Jason Lowe, Commissioner, District 1

Attest: Maressa Treat, County Clerk

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