

**Resolution Recognizing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
on the assemblage of its 71st International Convention**

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, an international service organization of college-educated, professional women with corporate offices in Chicago, Illinois, will host its 71st International Convention July 5-11, 2024, in Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, was founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. as the first Greek letter sorority for African American collegiate women; and

WHEREAS, now, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is comprised of 360,000 initiated members in undergraduate and graduate chapters in 12 countries; and

WHEREAS, when the Sorority convenes in Dallas, members will address childhood hunger by providing 25,000 Dallas ISD school children with an environmentally friendly bag filled with two breakfasts, two lunches, and two snacks as part of its childhood hunger initiative; and

WHEREAS, the nearly 20,000 AKA members who will gather for the international convention, also will distribute 8,500 hygiene kits to four North Texas social service agencies that support individuals in need; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County Commissioner Alisa Simmons was initiated in 1983 into the Kappa Nu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. at Texas Woman's University and Commissioner Simmons chartered the Alpha Beta Phi Omega Chapter in Mansfield, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Simmons is one of only five African American female county commissioners in the state of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby recognize **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.** and commend its members for their 116 years of service to educate, encourage, and uplift children and families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 18th day of June 2024.