



## WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION

### Recognizing April 6, 2026 as Raleigh Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. Charter Day

**WHEREAS**, on January 5, 1911, Kappa Alpha Nu (later to be renamed Kappa Alpha Psi) was founded on the Indiana University campus by Elder Watson Diggs and Byron K. Armstrong; and

**WHEREAS**, Elder Watson Diggs and Byron Armstrong were joined by John M. Lee, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Guy L. Grant, Paul W. Caine, George W. Edmonds, Ezra D. Alexander and Edward G. Irvin as founding members of the fraternity; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 1911, Kappa Alpha Nu became the first incorporated Black Fraternity in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 1915, Kappa Alpha Nu was officially renamed to Kappa Alpha Psi; and

**WHEREAS**, the Raleigh Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered on April 6, 1948, by William Capehart, Thomas Conway Sr., Dr. Cecil Haliburton, Leonard B. Hardie, Harry Gil-Smythe, Glenwood Jones, W.M. Perry, William T. "Buddy" Stroud, Dr. M. Watts and L.L. Woods; and

**WHEREAS**, these founding members of the Raleigh Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. along with the more than 110 new initiates over the past 78 years have served as elected officials, educators, attorneys, businessmen and professionals who have shown leadership and service to the City of Raleigh and Wake County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Raleigh Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.'s fundamental purpose is Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor. These Men of Distinction offer programs, initiatives, and scholarships to promote the educational welfare of the children of the City of Raleigh and Wake County; and

**WHEREAS**, Raleigh Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. also provides opportunities for men to engage in the social and civil activities for the betterment of the entire community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim **April 6, 2026**, as RALEIGH ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI, INC. "CHARTER DAY", Celebrating 78 Years of Honorable Achievement, the Raleigh Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., in Raleigh North Carolina and urge all our citizens to celebrate this important milestone.

**ADOPTED** this on the 6th day of April 2026.

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Donald Mial, Chair  
Wake County Board of Commissioners