

RESOLUTION NUMBER 51
HONORING THE KAPPA ALPHA PSI® FRATERNITY, INC.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the notable history, achievements and contributions of the Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity, Inc. to the St. Louis community and the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, they will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of its Guide Right National Service Program on July 6-10, 2022, at Harris Stowe State University and St. Louis University in conjunction with their annual National Kappa League Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, being the second oldest existing collegiate historically Black Greek-lettered fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity, Inc., originally known as Kappa Alpha Nu, was founded at Indiana University on January 5, 1911, by serious-minded young African-American men who possessed the imagination, ambition, courage, and determination to defy customs in pursuit of a college education and career; and

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity, Inc.'s Guide Right National Service Program, conceived in 1922 by Leon W. Stewart in St. Louis, has raised the sights of young Black men by providing inspiration and counsel as they seek meaningful futures and careers; and

WHEREAS, guided by fraternity members who epitomize the very essence of achievement and serve as beacons of Black excellence, the Guide Right National Service Program has provided mentorship to young Black men through their flagship initiative, the Kappa Instructional Leadership League (Kappa League), which offers youth-oriented programs, such as college preparatory programs and tutoring; and

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity, Inc. proudly hosts the National Kappa League Leadership Conference to promote the leadership skills of young Black men and includes activities and seminars in the areas of group dynamics, project management, S.T.E.M., social media, and mental health awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Guide Right National Service Program centennial celebration and National Kappa League Leadership Conference activities will include a major social action community service project, a symbolic march in observance of Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, the National Kappa League Debate Finals, a math contest, a poetry slam, financial literacy seminars, swag design competitions, a three-on-three basketball exhibition, an eGaming tournament, a Community S.T.E.M. and Health & Wellness Expo, and positive video reporting; and

WHEREAS, throughout the one-hundred-year history of the Guide Right National Service Program, the men of Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity, Inc. have proudly shared their trailblazing spirit by providing leadership and guidance to young Black men across the United States.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate and commend the members of the Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity, Inc. on their many achievements and contributions to the City of St. Louis and the nation. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to him at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 8th day of July, 2022 by:
The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this 8th day of July, 2022 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Joseph Vollmer
President, Board of Aldermen