

WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908 – the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha’s mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of “Service to All Mankind”; and

WHEREAS, born from a vision to establish a Graduate Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in Battle Creek and Albion, sorority members joined together over a period of three years to form the Interest Group “Persistent Pearls of Wisdom and Hope”; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2009, the Persistent Pearls of Wisdom and Hope Interest Group was formally chartered as Psi Kappa Omega Chapter, Battle Creek/Albion, with a chartered membership of twenty members; and

WHEREAS, since the Psi Kappa Omega Chapter was chartered, members have focused their efforts on several initiatives such as educational enrichment, giving back to the Historically Black Colleges and Universities, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership, scholarship donations, and community collaborations and projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark A. Behnke, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 9th, 2019, as

**“PSI KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER
10th ANNIVERSARY DAY”**

in the Greater Battle Creek area and on behalf of the City, extend sincere best anniversary wishes to the Psi Kappa Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and its members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 22nd day of January, 2019.



Mark A. Behnke, Mayor