



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Inc., a national Greek-letter organization, was organized at Howard University in Washington, D.C. in January 1908; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has grown rapidly and consistently. Despite growth and change, there has remained the constant purpose "to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of service to all mankind"; and

WHEREAS, the Iota Kappa Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was chartered on October 28, 1972 in Greenville/Pitt County with sixteen members; and

WHEREAS, the Iota Kappa Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is celebrating the senior citizens in the community that have made a difference in our local community on Saturday, May 19, 2007 as they begin to celebrate their centennial as an organization. The members have adopted a 2007 program under the theme: "Extraordinary Service Program." The members have engaged in many community projects which include the "Fashionetta" Scholarship Pageant, this 28th Annual Salute to Senior Citizens, the Annual Black History Quiz Bowl, the Ivy Reading AKAdemy/Shoe Box, Economic Sessions, Black Marriage Day, Black Family Day, Helping Hands for God's Fellow Man, Voter Education/Registration, Youth Development/Business Plan Competition, Health and Wellness programs, Reading is Fundamental Project, and contributions to the Boys and Girls Club of Pitt County, Children's Miracle Network Telethon, Camp Coast-Pediatric Asthma Program, United Negro College Fund, NAACP, United Cerebral Palsy, New Directions, and Operation Sunshine; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha's Centennial Celebration began in January 2007 and continues throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Parrott, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2007 as

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA MONTH

in Greenville, North Carolina and urge our citizens to recognize the many contributions Alpha Kappa Alpha makes to our city, our county, our state, our nation, and to our world.

This 9th day of May, 2007.



Robert D. Parrott, Mayor