



## **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ETA PHI OMEGA CHAPTER DAY**

**WHEREAS,** the local Charlottesville-area chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Eta Phi Omega Chapter, is one of over 1000 chapters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, which is an international service organization founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908, and is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women, and which is comprised of more than 355,000 members in graduate and undergraduate chapters in 12 countries, including the United States, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Dubai, Germany, Japan, Liberia, Nigeria, South Korea, South Africa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and which is often called “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African American women.”

**WHEREAS,** Eta Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was established 60 years ago on February 10, 1963, by 13 college-educated ladies in the local area on the principle of service to all mankind; and

**WHEREAS,** service to all mankind is critical to building a strong community and engaged citizenship, and it is vital that organizations in our community are focused on issues involving economics, education, human rights, social action, political activism, equity, and the environment; and

**WHEREAS,** initiatives by the Eta Phi Omega Chapter include volunteering at JABA and the Thanksgiving turkey give-away, supporting the local Alzheimer’s Association and the American Heart Association, providing snack packs and backpacks for students, organizing coat drives, providing over 2000 pairs of shoes to the Salvation Army, supporting the Alumni Burley School fund, and a host of other philanthropic endeavors in the local community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize Friday, February 10, 2023, as Eta Phi Omega Chapter Day, which will be celebrated on Saturday, May 6th, and we encourage the citizens of Albemarle County to acknowledge the contributions of Eta Phi Omega Chapter and celebrate this organization for all it has done for the last 60 years in service to Albemarle County and all mankind.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023.

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Donna Price, Chair  
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors