

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2017-006

Approving the honorary naming of the intersection east side of the 4900 block of Main Street from Clarendon Street to Prescott Street to "Gamma Nu Omega Way" and the west side of the 4900 block of Main Street from Clarendon Street to Prescott Street to "Alpha Kappa Alpha Way"

WHEREAS, the Columbia, SC Graduate Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was chartered as Gamma Nu Omega on February 7, 1942 by 17 visionaries and energized leaders; and,

WHEREAS, for seventy-five (75) years the Gamma Nu Omega chapter has been serving the greater Columbia area through enrichment, educations, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership and global impact; and,

WHEREAS, those public service initiatives include community Easter egg hunts, fitness activities; ASCEND Youth enrichment program; donation of backpacks and related school supplies; Support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities; AKA 1908 Playground Project; Family Seasonal Wraps and, Acts of Green Program; and,

WHEREAS, the annual Pink Ice Gala and other fundraising efforts has helped raise more than \$500,000 for local scholarships, an initiative began in 1942 with the first going to a female high school graduate for \$25 and in 1998 Gamma Nu Omega awarded a scholarship to its first male winner; and,

WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded in 1908 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and now focuses on international programs that include "Launching New Dimensions of Service" through its 283,000 members and 1,004 chapters; and,

WHEREAS, the Gamma Nu Omega chapter has kept the lifelong personal and professional development of each of its more than 200 members; and galvanizing the membership into an organization of respected power and influence, consistently at the forefront of effective advocacy and social change that results in equality and equity for all citizens of the world, and,

WHEREAS, the goals of Alpha Kappa Alpha has flourished into a globally-impactful organization of college-trained members, bound by the bonds of sisterhood and empowered by a commitment to servant-leadership that is both domestic and international in its scope; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 10th day of January, 2017, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia do hereby approve the honorary naming of the east side of the 4900 block of Main Street from Clarendon Street to Prescott Street to "Gamma Nu Omega Way" and the west side of the 4900 block of Main Street from Clarendon Street to Prescott Street to "Alpha Kappa Alpha Way". The design and color of the honorary toppers or signage shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

Requested by:

Senior Assistant City Manager Baker

  
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Mayor

Approved by  
  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:  
  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk

Introduced:  
Final Reading:

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