

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity on the occasion of Alpha College Tour Week and in celebration of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Historical Black College University Tour.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18421**, March 3, 2014

**INTRODUCED BY** Theresa Garza Ruiz and James D. Tindall, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for black men, is celebrating the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Historical Black College and University Tour and will kick off this year's Alpha College Tour Week March 16, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is an ethnically diverse group of college-educated men and has served as a training ground for such notable citizens as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Olympian Jessie Owens, and U.S. Congressman, the Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, II; and,

WHEREAS, the annual Alpha College Tour Week offers a unique opportunity to increase the awareness and benefits of attending historically black colleges and universities for Kansas City area high school students, many of whom may be economically disadvantaged; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013 more than \$300,000 in academic scholarships was awarded for seniors and college transfer students traveling on the tour; and,


WHEREAS, this year's tour includes visits to Lincoln University, Philander-Smith College, the University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff, Grambling State University, Tougaloo College, Jackson State University, Southern University, Louisiana State University, Xavier University, and Dillard University; and,

WHEREAS, participating students will have guided tours of the campuses on the chaperoned trip from March 16 – March 23, 2014; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby proclaims March 16 – 23, 2014, Alpha College Tour Week in recognition and celebration of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Historical Black College and University Tour and extends sincere best wishes for a successful event.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Chief Deputy County Counselor

  
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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18421 of March 3, 2014, was duly passed on March 3, 2014 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

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Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature