

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

[PERFECTED]

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1442

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DUNN (Sponsor), BUTLER, PIERSON, ENGLISH, MITTEN, NICHOLS, MIMS, PETERS, MCMANUS, SMITH, MCNEIL, HUMMEL, CONWAY (10), MORGAN, GARDNER, NEWMAN AND CURTIS (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 9, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the designation of Alpha Phi Alpha day.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 9, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 9.162, to read as follows:

**9.162. 1. December fourth is hereby designated as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day" in the state of Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to observe the day with appropriate activities and events to commemorate the founding of the first black intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans.**

**2. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded on Tuesday, December 4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Given racial attitudes in 1906, the accomplishments of the original founding members, Dr. Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy, known as the "Seven Jewels" were monumental. These men were determined to bind themselves together to ensure that each would survive the racially hostile environment. In coming together with the simple act of founding the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, these men set outstanding examples of scholarship, leadership, and tenacity.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14           **3. Today, Alpha Phi Alpha and its more than 290,000 members and more than 730**  
15 **chapters over five continents continues its commitment to members of the fraternity and**  
16 **the African-American community by dedicating itself to fostering the spirit of**  
17 **brotherhood, training a new generation of leaders, building the technological capacity of**  
18 **members, bringing consistency to the implementation of the fraternity's national programs,**  
19 **and ensuring that chapters have the necessary preparation to implement fraternal**  
20 **incentives and day-to-day operations. The Fraternity aims are manly deeds, scholarship,**  
21 **and love for all mankind, and its motto is "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall**  
22 **Transcend All."**

23           **4. Famous Alpha Phi Alpha members include W.E.B. DuBois, civil rights activist**  
24 **and founder of the NAACP; Duke Ellington, jazz musician; Fredrick Douglas, author,**  
25 **abolitionist, and civil rights activist; Thurgood Marshall, former United States Supreme**  
26 **Court Justice and manager of the landmark United States Supreme Court case *Brown v.***  
27 ***Board of Education* which declared segregation unconstitutional; Jesse Owens, Olympic**  
28 **gold medalist; Emanuel Cleaver II, United States Representative from Missouri; and Dr.**  
29 **Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights activist and the fraternity's most recognized member.**

30           **5. The Beta Lambda Chapter, chartered in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1919, is Alpha**  
31 **Phi Alpha fraternity's second-oldest alumni chapter and the first established west of the**  
32 **Mississippi River.**

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