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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Celebrates 108th Anniversary Today

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ST. CROIX -- The first female African American greek letter sorority celebrates its 108-year Anniversary today, a press release the sisterhood's St. Croix chapter issued this morning makes known. A similar release was also issued by the St. Thomas chapter today.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, had its humble beginnings as the vision of nine college students on the campus of Howard University on January 15, 1908. Since then, the sorority has flourished into a globally-impactful organization of over 283,000 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,

according to the release.

As Alpha Kappa Alpha has grown, it has maintained its focus in two key arenas: the lifelong personal and professional development of each of its members; and galvanizing its 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.

Within the Virgin Islands, there are four chapters. In St. Croix, Mu Gamma Omega (Graduate Chapter), and Rho Xi (Undergraduate Chapter), and in St. Thomas, Sigma Theta Omega (Graduate Chapter) and Rho Omicron (Undergraduate chapter). The VI Chapters are a part of the Indigenous International Region, overseen by St. Croix native, Esq. Gizette Canegata-Thomas (International Regional Director).

The Sisters (affectionately called Sorors by members), live by the motto: By Culture and By Merit; uphold their IVY, represent their colors Salmon Pink and Apple Green; wear their twenty pearls and can be heard making their call (Skee-Wee) from across the globe. Today, as they celebrate their 108th Founders Day, the sisterhood extends best wishes to all the ladies within the organization, and gratitude for the 108 years of service to mankind.