

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 13-25

Introduced by Mr. Smith

By the County Council, April 21, 2025

1       RESOLUTION designating May 10, 2025 as National Pan-Hellenic Council Day in  
2 Anne Arundel County to recognize the contributions made to social change by members  
3 of the nine Black sororities and fraternities, known as the Divine Nine

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5       WHEREAS, The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the coordinating body  
6 of Black Greek-Letter Organizations of college-educated women and men  
7 committed to “community awareness and action through educational, economic,  
8 and cultural service activities”; and

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10       WHEREAS, the NPHC was founded on May 10, 1930, at Howard University by  
11 five chartering organizations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta  
12 Sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and Omega Psi Phi  
13 Fraternity; and

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15       WHEREAS, the NPHC then added four more organizations to its membership:  
16 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity in 1931, Sigma Gamma  
17 Rho Sorority in 1937, and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity in 1997 – later becoming known  
18 affectionately as the “Divine Nine”; and

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20       WHEREAS, under the powerful motto “Until We Are All Free”, the NPHC  
21 sororities and fraternities work together to create social programs that bring about  
22 the social change that their members want to see for themselves, for their peers, for  
23 Blacks across the nation, and for the nation itself; and

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25       Whereas, The designation of a day is fitting to commemorate the founding of the  
26 NPHC and the community work that is done by Divine Nine members in Anne  
27 Arundel County and in communities across the nation; now, therefore, be it

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29       Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it designates  
30 May 10, 2025 as National Pan-Hellenic Council Day in Anne Arundel County to recognize  
31 the contributions made to social change by members of the sororities and fraternities known  
32 as the Divine Nine.