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2 **Designating an Honorary Street Name to Commemorate Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity**  
3 – To commemorate Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and its work in the City of Annapolis  
4 by the honorary designation of Franklin Street from Church Circle to Cathedral Street as  
5 "Alpha Phi Alpha Way."

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Resolution 12-24**

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12 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Finlayson**  
13 **Co-sponsored by: Alds. Tierney, Arnett, Savidge**

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16 **Referred to:**

17 Heritage Commission  
18 Transportation Committee

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20 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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22 **Designating an Honorary Street Name to Commemorate**  
23 **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity**

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25 **For** the purpose of commemorating Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and its work in  
26 the City of Annapolis by the honorary designation of Franklin Street from Church  
27 Circle to Cathedral Street as "Alpha Phi Alpha Way."

28 **WHEREAS,** The City Council strives to recognize the contributions of individuals and  
29 groups who have made a significant impact on our community and

30 **WHEREAS,** The Eta Eta Lambda Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.,  
31 has a long and distinguished service history to Annapolis since being  
32 chartered on April 14, 1959, and

33 **WHEREAS,** Eta Eta Lambda Chapter will celebrate 65 years of service and advocacy  
34 on April 14, 2024, and would like to commemorate its 65th anniversary  
35 with this symbolic designation and

36 **WHEREAS,** The Eta Eta Lambda, seated in Annapolis, is the only Chapter chartered  
37 in Anne Arundel County and counts as members: Anne Arundel County

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1 Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Mark T. Bedell; Anne Arundel  
2 County Schools Mentoring Program Senior Manager Andre Dillard;  
3 Marley Elementary School Special Education Teacher, named as the  
4 2023 Rising Star, Jamar Turner; Nivek Johnson, in District 36, was  
5 appointed Chair of the State Public Information Act Compliance Board  
6 by the state executive; Civil Rights leader, Ralph Thomas, who was  
7 honored at the 36th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Awards; and  
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9 **WHEREAS,** Maryland Governor Wes Moore is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha  
10 Fraternity, and previous members include the first black chairman of the  
11 state Republican Party, Aris T. Allen, M.D., who was also a state  
12 Delegate and state Senator; The Honorable Chief Justice Thurgood  
13 Marshall, who worked collaboratively with Walter Mills to get equal  
14 pay for Black educators in AACPS; Simon Hailey, father of Author  
15 Alex Haley; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and Frederick Douglass;  
16 Wesley Anthony Brown, the first African-American to complete a  
17 Naval Academy education; William Snowden Keyes, Police officer,  
18 teacher and local legend who has received numerous awards and  
19 citations was recently sworn in at 102-year-old as an honorary Anne  
20 Arundel County Police Officer; Dr. Theodore Johnson, then president of  
21 the NAACP worked for the desegregation of restaurants and hotels in  
22 Annapolis and the promotion of African-American police officers; and

23 **WHEREAS,** Over the years, the Eta Eta Lambda Chapter has served as a role model for  
24 countless residents by:

- 25 1. Creating services and programs ranging from youth mentorship to  
26 academic scholarships for graduating high school students, such as  
27 their flagship Alpha Academy Mentoring Program, designed to  
28 build, develop, and enhance young African American males from  
29 grades 3-12 into well-educated, strong leaders and community  
30 advocates equipped with the tools needed to evolve into influential  
31 and educated leaders who will actively contribute within their  
32 communities;
- 33 2. Helping provide holiday food baskets and various community  
34 service activities to low-income neighborhoods, including Toys for  
35 Tots, Feed the Homeless, and Back to School Giveaway;  
36 Community gardens; Wreaths Across America; Big Brothers Big  
37 Sisters; March for Babies; Sarah's House; The Lighthouse Shelter;  
38 Carroll's Closet; Polar Bear Plunge; Anne Arundel Food Bank;

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- 1 3. Established in 2019, a charitable organization under IRS section  
2 501(c)(3) and an approved not-for-profit organization in the State  
3 of Maryland to promote the welfare of others, especially by  
4 donating money to good causes in Anne Arundel County, with the  
5 mission being to uplift and serve our community by providing  
6 programs, services, and scholarships to various underserved  
7 neighborhoods in Anne Arundel County; and

8 **WHEREAS,** It is fitting that the City Council honor Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and its  
9 Annapolis-based Eta Eta Lambda Chapter for their dedication and service;

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11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL**  
12 that:

13 **Section 1 - Honorary Designation.**

14 The portion of Franklin Street between Church Circle and Cathedral Street shall  
15 bear the honorary designation of "Alpha Phi Alpha Way" to celebrate the  
16 contributions of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. to the City of Annapolis.

17 **Section 2 - Signage.**

18 The Department of Public Works shall be directed to install appropriate signage  
19 along the designated portion of Franklin Street reflecting the honorary name  
20 "Alpha Phi Alpha Way."

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy  
22 of this Resolution to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity or their designated representative.

23 **AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that  
24 this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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