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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY TAKES ACTION RELATED TO FLINT, MICHIGAN WATER CRISIS



Chicago, Illinois – January 19, 2016 – The members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) are outraged as it relates to the current water crisis in Flint, Michigan. As the state of emergency remains in effect within the city, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority offers its prayers, encouragement and support to those affected by this crisis and continues to speak out against the delay in action that impacts this primarily low-income African American community.

“At no time or under any circumstance should human beings be subjected to using toxic water. We call for an immediate remedy to this deplorable situation,” said International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, L.H.D. speaking on behalf of the sorority’s 283,000 members worldwide. “All responsible local, state and national government representatives must be held accountable for their actions or lack thereof. Through our local chapters, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will be donating large containers of water for residents. We proudly join with thousands of others around the country to help bring aid to the citizens of Flint.”

The Ivy House (1910 Robert T. Longway Blvd, Flint, MI 48503), the philanthropic entity of Zeta Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is a water distribution site. Every other Saturday, Flint residents may visit the Ivy House to receive large containers of water for bathing and other necessities. In addition to supplying water, the Ivy House is also taking donations of water for distribution and providing education materials related to proper water filtration to residents. The next donation drive takes place on January 30, 2016.

For the last 108 years, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has come together to support its members and those community members most in need of service and support. As the Sorority supports the Flint community and Mayor and AKA Member, Karen Weaver, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will also remain steadily focused on fighting against injustice across the country.

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