

By: Senator R. Murdock

## SENATE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 13, 2025, AS IOTA PHI THETA  
FRATERNITY, INC., DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., is a historically African American fraternity and was founded on Thursday, September 19, 1963, at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., is currently the fifth largest Black Greek-letter fraternity with over seventy-five thousand (75,000) members worldwide; and

WHEREAS, today there are over three hundred fifty (350) undergraduate and alumni chapters of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., located in forty (40) states, the District of Columbia, the Bahamas, Colombia, South Korea, and Japan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas currently has five (5) undergraduate chapters of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., and two (2) alumni chapters; and

WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., holds membership in the National Pan-Hellenic Council, an umbrella organization commonly referred to as the "Divine Nine", which is composed of international historically African



American Greek-letter sororities and fraternities; and

WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., is in partnership with the Brown & Gold Public Affairs Committee, focused on supporting public policy and law that affirms, supports, and expands the citizenship rights of fraternity members in accordance with the fraternity's principles, and by extension residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, members of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., are currently serving or have served in public service in the great State of Arkansas, including Brother Dr. D'Andre Jones, City Councilman, Fayetteville, District 1, Brother Jaylen Smith, Mayor of Earle, Arkansas, and Brother Lioneld Jordan, former Mayor of Fayetteville, Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognize March 13, 2025, as Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., Day at the State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to the leadership of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., by the Secretary of the Senate.