

*City of Tyler  
by the honorable  
Barbara Bass, Mayor*

*A Proclamation*

**TYLER'S FIRST INAGURAL BALL FOR A UNITED STATES  
PRESIDENT HOSTED BY THE GAMMA OMICRON OMEGA  
CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. DAY  
JANUARY 20, 2009**

*Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was founded at Howard University in Washington, DC on January 15, 1908, and is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-trained women; and*

*Whereas, service to all mankind has been the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. for 101 years; and*

*Whereas, the sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc. empowers communities through exemplary service initiatives and progressive national programs related to education, family, economics, business, technology, and health; and*

*Whereas, the alumnae chapter of Gamma Omicron Omega was chartered in Tyler, Texas, in 1942 and promotes national programs and works collaboratively with the community in local service projects. These projects include RIF (Reading is Fundamental; Expanding Your Horizons, a math and science program for middle-school girls with Tyler Junior College; donations to PATH and Karing Kitchen; tutorial programs with Tyler Independent School District; and the Miss Fashionetta, which is a scholarship awards program for young ladies who are graduating high school, where they are taught etiquette, poise, proper dialect, dressing for success and personality; and*

*Whereas, the alumnae of the Gamma Omicron Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., in collaboration with the Tyler Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and KGLD Radio 1330 AM, is hosting Tyler's first Presidential Inaugural Ball on January 20, 2009, in honor of the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America, President Barack Obama,*

*Now Therefore, I, Barbara Bass, Mayor of the City of Tyler, Texas, do hereby proclaim JANUARY 20, 2009, as TYLER'S FIRST INAGURAL BALL FOR A UNITED STATES PRESIDENT HOSTED BY THE GAMMA OMICRON OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. DAY, in the City of Tyler, Texas, and urge all citizens join in recognizing this outstanding organization.*

*In official recognition whereof I hereby  
affix my signature this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.*

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*Barbara R. Bass, Mayor*