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### **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® issues statement on historic selection of Sen. Kamala Harris as Vice President Joe Biden's running mate**

*A statement from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. International President Dr. Glenda Glover*

(Chicago, IL) - On behalf of over 300,000 thousand members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., I congratulate Sen. Kamala Harris on being selected as running mate for Vice President Joe Biden. This is a great day for our country, a great day African-Americans and for women.

Senator Harris' selection is a full circle moment for HBCUs and African-American Greek organizations that worked tirelessly to give the black community a voice from the turn of the century, through Jim Crow and the civil rights movement, to the present day.

As the president of Tennessee State University, a premiere HBCU, and as International President of AKA, in which Sen. Harris is a member, I am doubly proud of this selection. I also commend Vice President Joe Biden for his insight to bring someone of Sen. Harris' stature to the ticket. She is intelligent, experienced, charismatic and above all qualified for the job.

African-American women have been the backbone of this country, and now an African-American woman has the opportunity to ascend to the second highest office in the nation. With the opportunity to create policies that will impact us for generations to come. While AKA does not endorse any particular candidate or party, we are extremely proud of Sen. Harris.

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#### **About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women dedicated to raising the status of African-Americans, particularly girls and women. Through a robust international program of service, Alpha Kappa Alpha continues to institute groundbreaking social initiatives and social service programs that transform communities for the better. Today, these include Target 1: HBCU for Life: A Call To Action; Target 2: Women's Healthcare and Wellness; Target 3: Building Your Economic Legacy; Target 4: The Arts!; Target 5: Global Impact; and The Signature Program #CAPS. The sorority is comprised of over 300,000 members in more than 1000 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Liberia, Bahamas, Bermuda, the Caribbean, Canada, Japan, Germany, South Korea, South Africa, and in the Middle East. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is a 501(c)(7) organization. As a tax-exempt organization, AKA does not directly

or indirectly participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office.