

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and acknowledging Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on the occasion of its Fourth Annual Philadelphia City Council Delta Day.

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded at Howard University on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two African American collegiate women. Nearly 6 weeks after its inception, the founders of this illustrious organization participated in their first collective act of public service, marching in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The twenty-two founders envisioned an organization that would use their collective strength to promote academic excellence, provide scholarships, provide assistance to persons in need, educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta has been incorporated since 1930 and now boasts more than 200,000 members with over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS, The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrust of: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta is highly recognized for its commitment to sisterhood, community service, and the creation and implementation of programs that support the mission of Delta; and

WHEREAS, As a national and international body, Delta Sigma Theta has participated in numerous Delta Days in the Nation's Capital, and in March of 2003 became a Non-Governmental Organization at the United Nations, granting the organization special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Chapters from across Pennsylvania participate annually in Legislative Days in Harrisburg, and we are honored and pleased to be joined by the members of the Philadelphia, Quaker City, and Valley Forge Alumnae Chapters, who seek to become involved in the local public policy making process and to further pledge their commitment to this City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we recognize and acknowledge Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on the occasion of its Fourth Annual Philadelphia City Council Delta Day.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to members of Delta Sigma Theta, as an expression of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.