



RESOLUTION HONORING DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, 80 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a private, not-for-profit organization with a purpose of providing assistance and support through established programs in communities throughout the world, and is the largest African-American Greek-lettered sorority with 1,000 alumnae and collegiate chapters located throughout the United States and around the globe, including the Bahamas, Bermuda, England, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, established in 1913 by 22 women on the Howard University Campus in Washington, D.C., the organization remains true to the founding vision of promoting academic excellence, providing scholarship assistance, supporting the underserved, educating and stimulating participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and highlighting issues and providing solutions to problems in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter was chartered on May 7, 1938, as the Alpha Zeta Sigma chapter by 29 sorority members, including Mrs. Jimmie Bugg Middleton from Raleigh, one of the sorority's founders; and

WHEREAS, today, there are more than 300 members in the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the chapter has conducted programs that align with the sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement. Its programs have included health fairs, economic financial literacy workshops, mentoring, DELTA Carousel, Delta Academy and Delta GEMS, traveling fun BINGO at retirement and nursing homes, collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for South Africa, mobile library, Project 13, Black Business of the Month, and Delta Day on the Capitol to list a few. Additionally, the chapter has provided community agency grants and college scholarships through the annual Scholarship Gala; and

WHEREAS, the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter is celebrating 80 years of public service to the community as of May 7, 2018, with the theme "Living the Legacy - 80 Years of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, through numerous public activities promoting sisterhood and service to the community, this chapter is keeping the commitment and is dedicated to supporting public service, nationally and internationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Wake County Board of Commissioners, does hereby recognize the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated in celebrating 80 years of Excellence, Living the Legacy.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of May 2018.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners