
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 7, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the members of Delta Sigma Theta
2 Sorority, Inc., for more than a century of commitment to
3 social activism, academic excellence and civic engagement in
4 this Commonwealth on the occasion of Delta Day at the State
5 Capitol.

6 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta was originally founded in 1913 by
7 22 diligent collegiate women on the campus of Howard University
8 in Washington, DC; and

9 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta has since blossomed into the
10 largest African-American women's organization in the United
11 States; and

12 WHEREAS, The sorority has had more than 200,000 predominantly
13 African-American members since 1913; and

14 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta boasts 31 collegiate and alumnae
15 chapters within this Commonwealth, as well as 1,000 chapters
16 located around the world; and

17 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the sorority has been
18 guided by its mission, which includes the constructive

1 development of its members and public service with a primary
2 focus on the African-American community; and

3 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta realizes its mission by providing
4 an extensive array of public service initiatives through the
5 sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust, which include
6 educational development, economic development, international
7 development, international awareness and involvement, physical
8 and mental health and political awareness and involvement; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the past 106 years, members of Delta Sigma
10 Theta have led countless initiatives addressing a variety of
11 crucial issues, including voting rights, affordable health care,
12 financial literacy, economic empowerment, support for
13 historically black colleges and universities, political
14 awareness and involvement, gender equality and racial profiling;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta's current biennial theme, "joy in
17 our sisterhood, power in our voice and service in our heart," is
18 a reflection of the sorority's values and principles; and

19 WHEREAS, Each year since 1989, Delta Sigma Theta members have
20 participated in various Delta Days at the nation's capitol, the
21 United Nations, state capitols, town halls and school boards
22 throughout the country in order to increase their involvement in
23 the policymaking process; and

24 WHEREAS, May 7, 2019, marks Delta Sigma Theta's annual Delta
25 Day at the State Capitol in Harrisburg where members from across
26 this Commonwealth come to connect with their legislators,
27 advance legislation and serve as a voice for others; and

28 WHEREAS, The women of Delta Sigma Theta continue to be
29 magnificent examples of servant leaders with an uncompromising
30 commitment to their communities, which serves as the driving

1 force to carry on the mission of Delta Day at the State Capitol;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
4 honor the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for more
5 than a century of commitment to social activism, academic
6 excellence and civic engagement in this Commonwealth on the
7 occasion of Delta Day at the State Capitol.