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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

26       WHEREAS, The women of Delta Sigma Theta continue to be  
27 magnificent examples of servant leaders with an uncompromising  
28 commitment to their communities, which serves as the driving  
29 force to carry on the mission of Delta Day at the State Capitol;  
30 therefore be it

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