



Legislation Text

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To recognize January as National Mentoring Month in the City of Columbus and celebrate the leadership of the Columbus Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated for their commitment to mentoring and improving the lives of young ladies in Central Ohio.

WHEREAS, relationships with caring mentors offer youth valuable support - guiding them toward making positive, healthy life choices; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs offer effective student interventions - improving student attendance and behavior, academic performance, increasing High School Graduation rates, and in a significant number of instances culminating in college attendance; and

WHEREAS, youth mentorship programs help young people improve their self-esteem, enhance their relationships with their family members and peers - ultimately helping them to feel a greater sense of connectedness with their community and their schools; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated - blessed with an active membership of more than 250 professional women dedicated to sisterhood, scholarship, & service, has a number of programs which are focused on helping the youth of Columbus and Central Ohio; they include:

- **The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy** which is a science, technology, engineering, and math focused program for African-American middle school girls between the age of 11 and 14 - with 30 Active Members;
- **The Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS**, *Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully* for young ladies between 14 and 18 - with 90 Active Members;
- **EMBODI Program**, Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence, for African-American male between the ages of 11 and 17 - with 30 Active Members;
- **The Alexa Canady Doctors & Dentist Conference**, which provides career knowledge and experiences for young women who are interested in the medical field - with 10 Active Members; and
- **The Delta Sigma Theta Foundation**: which gives more than 20 scholarships each year; and

WHEREAS, January has been designated as National Mentoring Month, a time dedicated to focusing national attention on the need for mentors to ensure brighter futures for young people; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby recognize January as National Mentoring Month in the City of Columbus and celebrate the leadership of the Columbus Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated for their commitment to mentoring and improving the lives of young ladies in Central Ohio.

