



Legislation Text

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To Honor and Congratulate Epsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on their Centennial Anniversary and service to the Columbus Community

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community. The private, non-profit organization's purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University. These women of vision wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to those in need. Despite the tremendous risk, the Founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., performed their first public act by marching in the historic Women's Suffrage Procession in Washington D.C. on March 3, 1913. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was the only African American women's organization to participate in the march; and

WHEREAS, Epsilon Chapter is the Fifth and Finest Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., that was chartered on November 19, 1919, on the campus of The Ohio State University by five dynamic leaders: Catherine Thompson Alexander; Fairy Shores Burrell; Bernice N. Copeland; Alberta Hanley and Phila Ann McGillery White. Epsilon Chapter was the first predominantly African-American sorority to be established on the campus of The Ohio State University.

WHEREAS, the major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development; Educational Development; International Awareness and Involvement; Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement. Keeping in pace with the organization's goals, Epsilon Chapter has provided numerous educational and enriching programs for students and for residents of Columbus such as the Annual Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive, Christmas Wish, Penny Drive, Sister Series, Black Greek Open House, Breaking the Ice, Adopt-A-Class, Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and May Week.

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2019, Epsilon Chapter will celebrate its Centennial Anniversary and welcome over 200 chapter members and Ohio State Alumnae to Columbus, Ohio to celebrate this momentous occasion, and to officially usher in the next century of service through sisterhood.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby congratulate the Epsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on their Centennial Anniversary, service and numerous contributions to the City of Columbus.