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To honor and congratulate the ladies of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated on the occasion of the sorority's 100th Anniversary and to thank the ladies of Zeta for their commitment and service to the residents of Columbus and Central Ohio.

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta was founded on January 16, 1920 by five young women on the campus of Howard University located in Washington, DC - and since its founding not only has the organization raised the consciousness of its people, but it has encouraged the highest standards of scholastic achievement, and fostered a greater sense of unity - ultimately improving the human condition for all - and the black community specifically; and

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta promotes Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood within its membership - it also actively promotes these values within the communities that it serves; moreover the organization has devoted countless hours of volunteer service, educating the public, assisting youth, providing scholarships, elevating organized charities, and promoting legislation supporting social and civic change; and

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated has chartered hundreds of chapters and initiated thousands of women around the world, continuing to thrive and flourish while adapting to the changing needs of society - the Women of Zeta Phi Beta have been serving in Columbus since September 4, 1943 when the Gamma Zeta Zeta Chapter was organized as a graduate chapter in the City of Columbus - the organization has a diverse membership of professional women committed to serving and improving Columbus - the Gamma Zeta Zeta Chapter also serves as Sponsor to Xi Gamma Chapter at The Ohio State University - Xi Gamma Chapter was chartered January 27, 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the members of Zeta are committed to a spirit of sisterly love - moreover the ladies of Zeta continue to radiate the essence of Finer Womanhood through their obligations in Central Ohio by mentoring, encouraging, and supporting young women in this community - ultimately preparing them for a future of service and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, this year Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated will celebrate and observe the Centennial Anniversary of the sorority by celebrating the leadership and service of Zeta throughout the United States, now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby honor and congratulate the ladies of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated on the occasion of the sorority's 100th Anniversary and thank the ladies of Zeta for their commitment and service to the residents of Columbus and Central Ohio.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That January 16, 2020 be proclaimed as Zeta Day in the City of Columbus; moreover City Hall and downtown Columbus will be lit up in blue to honor the legacy of leadership and service that Zeta Phi Beta continues to radiate throughout our community.