



## **Proclamation Honoring Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Founders Day**

**WHEREAS**, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded 111 years ago on January 13, 1913, by 22 young women studying at Howard University. They sought to create an organization rooted in sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Founders of Delta Sigma Theta envisioned an organization committed to sisterhood, scholarship, service, and addressing the social issues of the time. Since its founding, Delta Sigma Theta has become one of the preeminent service-based sororities, with more than 300,000 initiated members and over 1,000 chartered chapters worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, as a sisterhood composed primarily of Black, college-educated women, the Sorority seriously considers the issues impacting the Black community and boldly confronts the challenges of African Americans and, hence, all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, a wide range of programs addressing education, health, international development, and the strengthening of African American families have evolved. The major programs of the Sorority are based upon the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 160 Collegiate and Alumnae chapters located in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Bermuda; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charlottesville Alumnae Chapter and Iota Alpha Chapter of James Madison University serve the Harrisonburg Community. Both chapters have made a positive impact on the city of Harrisonburg for over 50 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Deanna R. Reed, Mayor of the great City of Harrisonburg, Virginia, do hereby honor and applaud the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for 111 years of service and all of their accomplishments in the city of Harrisonburg, Virginia and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the sorority for all it has contributed to communities both locally, nationally and globally, and in wishing them continued success in the future.

SIGNED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

Deanna Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk