
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ABNEY, PASHINSKI, HARKINS, CEPHAS, BOYD AND STEELE,
APRIL 30, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 30, 2024

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 as one of the
10 preeminent service-based sororities, with more than 300,000
11 predominantly African-American initiated members; and

12 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta boasts 29 collegiate and alumnae
13 chapters within this Commonwealth, as well as more than 1,000
14 chartered chapters located around the world; and

15 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the sorority has been
16 guided by its mission, which includes the constructive
17 development of its members and public service with a primary
18 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 includes
4 educational development, economic development, international
5 awareness and involvement, physical and mental health and
6 political awareness and involvement; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the past 111 years, members of Delta Sigma
8 Theta Sorority, Inc., have led countless initiatives addressing
9 a variety of crucial issues, including voting rights, affordable
10 health care, financial literacy, economic empowerment, support
11 for historically black colleges and universities, political
12 awareness and involvement, gender equality and racial profiling;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta's 2022-2026 quadrennial theme,
15 "Forward with Fortitude: Engaging Our Sisterhood, Empowering Our
16 Communities, and Elevating Our Impact," is a reflection of the
17 sorority's values and principles; and

18 WHEREAS, This year's theme for the 21st annual "Delta Day" is
19 "Song in a Weary Throat," which is inspired by Delta Sigma Theta
20 member, civil rights leader, legal scholar and theorist and
21 Episcopal priest, Reverend Dr. Anna Pauline "Pauli" Murray; and

22 WHEREAS, Each year since 1989, Delta Sigma Theta members have
23 participated in various "Delta Days" at the nation's capitol,
24 the United Nations, state capitols, town halls and school boards
25 throughout the country in order to increase their involvement in
26 the policymaking process; and

27 WHEREAS, May 6, 2024, marks Delta Sigma Theta's annual "Delta
28 Day" at the State Capitol in Harrisburg where members from
29 across this Commonwealth come to connect with their legislators,
30 advance legislation and serve as a voice for others; and

1 WHEREAS, The women of Delta Sigma Theta continue to be
2 magnificent examples of servant leaders with an uncompromising
3 commitment to their communities, which serves as the driving
4 force to carry on the mission of "Delta Day" at the State
5 Capitol; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
7 honor the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for more
8 than a century of commitment to social activism, academic
9 excellence and civic engagement in this Commonwealth on the
10 occasion of "Delta Day" at the State Capitol.