

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 218

Rep. Brenda Carter offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 16, 2020, as Delta Sigma Theta
2 Sorority, Incorporated, Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, not-
4 for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and
5 support through established programs in local communities
6 throughout the world. The organization is a sisterhood of
7 predominantly black, college-educated women; and

8 Whereas, On January 13, 2020, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
9 celebrated 107 years of thoughtful service to and conscientious
10 leadership in communities throughout the United States and the
11 world in diverse fields relating to public service and the



1 organization's five-point programmatic thrust: economic
2 development, educational development, international awareness and
3 involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness
4 and involvement; and

5 Whereas, On January 13, 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
6 was founded at Howard University in the District of Columbia by:
7 Osceola Macarthy Adams, Marguerite Young Alexander, Winona Cargile
8 Alexander, Ethel Cuff Black, Bertha Pitts Campbell, Zephyr Chisom
9 Carter, Edna Brown Coleman, Jessie McGuire Dent, Frederica Chase
10 Dodd, Myra Davis Hemmings, Olive Jones, Jimmie Bugg Middleton,
11 Pauline Oberdorfer Minor, Vashti Turley Murphy, Naomi Sewell
12 Richardson, Mamie Reddy Rose, Eliza Pearl Shippen, Florence Letcher
13 Toms, Ethel Carr Watson, Wertie Blackwell Weaver, Madree Penn White
14 and Edith Motte Young; and

15 Whereas, In March 1913, the founders of Delta Sigma Theta
16 Sorority, Inc. participated in the Women's Suffrage March in the
17 District of Columbia, the sorority's first public act; and

18 Whereas, Since its founding, more than 200,000 women have
19 joined the organization. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has
20 twenty seven chapters in Michigan: Pontiac Alumnae, Zeta Rho, Theta
21 Theta, Tau Psi, Tau, Southfield Alumnae, Saginaw Alumnae, Rho Mu,
22 Omicron Zeta, Nu, Muskegon Heights Alumnae, Mu Phi, Midland
23 Alumnae, Lansing Alumnae, Lambda Pi, Kalamazoo Alumnae, Inkster
24 Alumnae, Grand Rapids Alumnae, Flint Alumnae, Epsilon Epsilon,
25 Detroit Alumnae, Delta Upsilon, Delta Psi, Delta Beta, Denton
26 Harbor-St. Joe Alumnae, Battle Creek Alumnae, and Ann Arbor
27 Alumnae. There are a total of 1,000 chapters located in the United
28 States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the
29 Bahamas and South Korea; now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
2 this legislative body declare January 16, 2020, as Delta Sigma
3 Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Day in the state of Michigan. We
4 recognize the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for their
5 outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation and
6 the international community, and for their promotion of sisterhood,
7 scholarship, and service.