

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

Rep. Brenda Carter offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 17, 2023, 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, 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
9 Inc., was founded at Howard University in the District of Columbia  
10 by: Osceola Macarthy Adams, Marguerite Young Alexander, Winona  
11 Cargile Alexander, Ethel Cuff Black, Bertha Pitts Campbell, Zephyr  
12 Chisom Carter, Edna Brown Coleman, Jessie McGuire Dent, Frederica  
13 Chase Dodd, Myra Davis Hemmings, Olive Jones, Jimmie Bugg

1 Middleton, Pauline Oberdorfer Minor, Vashti Turley Murphy, Naomi  
2 Sewell Toms, Ethel Carr Watson, Wertie Blackwell Weaver, Madree  
3 Penn White, and Edith Motte Young; and

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

7       Whereas, Since its founding, more than 350,000 women have  
8 joined the organization. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has  
9 twenty seven chapters in Michigan: Pontiac Alumnae, Zeta Rho, Theta  
10 Theta, Tau Psi, Tau, Southfield Alumnae, Saginaw Alumnae, Rho Mu,  
11 Omicron Zeta, NU, Muskegon Heights Alumnae, Mu Phi, Midland  
12 Alumnae, Lansing Alumnae, Lambda Pi, Kalamazoo Alumnae, Inkster  
13 Alumnae, Grand Rapids Alumnae, Flint Alumnae, Epsilon Epsilon,  
14 Detroit Alumnae, Delta Upsilon, Delta Psi, Delta Beta, Benton  
15 Harbor-St. Joe Alumnae, Battle Creek Alumnae, and Ann Arbor  
16 Alumnae. There are more than 1,000 chapters located in the United  
17 States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the  
18 Bahamas, and South Korea; and

19       Whereas, On January 13, 2021, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
20 Inc., celebrated 108 years of thoughtful service to and  
21 conscientious leadership in communities throughout the United  
22 States and the world in diverse fields relating to public service  
23 and the organization's five-point programmatic thrust: economic  
24 development, educational development, international awareness and  
25 involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness  
26 and involvement; now, therefore, be it

27       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
28 this legislative body declare January 17, 2023, as Delta Sigma  
29 Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Day in the state of Michigan. We

1 recognize the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for  
2 their outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation,  
3 and the international community, and for their promotion of  
4 sisterhood, scholarship, and service.