

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## PROCLAMATION

### **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Charlottesville Alumnae Chapter 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition**

**WHEREAS** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 13, 1913, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D. C. by 22 phenomenal collegiate women who saw no limit to their vision for sisterhood, scholarship, and service; and

**WHEREAS** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an organization of predominantly black college-educated women committed to using their collective strength to promote academic excellence and assist those in need, with a primary focus on the African American community.

Since its establishment more than 300,000 women have joined the sorority. It is a sisterhood that has over 940 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, England, Germany, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Jamaica, Liberia, South Korea, and the Virgin Islands; and

**WHEREAS** the Charlottesville Alumnae Chapter was chartered on June 7, 1969, by 12 local members of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. who were committed to improving the political, education, and social and economic conditions in Charlottesville City and surrounding areas through the organization's Five -Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

**WHEREAS** the Charlottesville Alumnae Chapter has clearly distinguished itself as a public service organization that boldly confronts the challenges of African Americans and, hence, all Americans and citizens of Charlottesville.

For fifty-five years, in realizing its mission, the Charlottesville Alumnae Chapter has developed and implemented a wide range of programs with special emphases in the areas of education, health, international development, and the strengthening of the black family. Recognizing the achievements of African American students, providing over tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships to high school students, participating in community cleanups, and presenting cultural enrichment opportunities which are ongoing activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Charlottesville City Council takes great pleasure in recognizing **The Charlottesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated on its 55<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024;** and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED THAT** we join the Chapter in paying tribute to Charter Members: Virginia Bell, Faye Benton, Florence Bryant, Rosa Burks, Dorothy Conrad, Zelda DeBerry, Daisy Holmes, Gertrude Mitchell, Nancee Pritchett, Felicia Rowe, Mary Janet Scott, and Josephine Whitsett, for their efforts and foresight in establishing this organization in our city and surrounding communities.

Signed and sealed this 20th day of May 2024.