

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was chartered on Sortember 21, 1951, in Calmesville Florida by five founders. Dr. Gladys Alexander Mrs. Julia Harner

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WHEREAS, the Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was the first African American Greek letter organization established in Gainesville and at the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the ideals of Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter are Finer Womanhood, Sisterly Love, Service and Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter is active in the community by sponsoring such scholarship benefits as the Blue Revue and Ebony Fashion Show which have resulted in the awarding of more than \$200,000 in scholarships to female high school graduates; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter has volunteered thousands of hours in support of events such as the March for Babies, Breast Cancer Walk and Relay for Life; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter provides programs such as Stork's Nest for pregnant moms and hundreds of workshops, such as "Treat Her Like A Lady" and "Charm School" which have enhanced the lives of residents of Gainesville and Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter recognizes and honors its esteemed founders Dr. Gladys Alexander and Mrs. Cora Roberson of Gainesville, Florida: Mrs. Wilma Holloway, of St. Petersburg, Florida: Mrs. Annie McGhee of Tampa, Florida: and Mrs. Julia Harper, posthumously.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2011 as

Delta Sigma Zela Chapter of Zela Phi Bela Sorority Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring the founders of Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter and thanking the sorority for the many contributions to this city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 18th day of August, A.D., 2011.

Craig Towe