

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 by twenty-two Black college educated women on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., and is a public service organization, based upon Christian principles, with sisterhood, scholarship, and service as its basic foundation; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. sisterhood consists of more than 250,000 women with over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Alumnae Chapter, chartered on October 26, 1985 and the Lambda Psi Chapter of the University of Florida, chartered on March 11, 1975, are active in the American Heart Association Heart Walk, Habitat for Humanity, and programs and events for Senior Citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Alumnae Chapter and the Lambda Psi Chapter sponsor local programs in the community which include: "Expressions," discussion groups on social, political and health issues facing young adults; "Delta GEMS," a mentorship program for high school girls; "Delta Days" discusses issues involving our community at the local government level, the school board and the criminal justice system; and "School America," which provides books to children; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Alumnae Chapter and the Lambda Psi Chapter have joined forces with the State and Regional Leadership Teams, to bring over three hundred women from all around the State of Florida and the Bahamas for a weekend discussion and development of a plan of action that will have the greatest positive impact on social, political and economic issues facing our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November 3-5, 2006 as

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Weekend

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in supporting the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. program efforts in the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 15th day of October, A.D., 2006.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor