

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 by 22 Black college educated women on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., and is a public service organization, with a foundation based upon Christian principles, with sisterhood, scholarship and service as its leading principles; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a sisterhood that consists of more than 300,000 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 by 40 visionary women from the Gainesville area currently boasts a membership of 70 dynamic, outspoken, spectacular and tenacious women of the Gainesville community and is active in the American Cancer Society's East Gainesville Relay for Life, Adopt-a-Country, Listen To Your Heart 5K, School Board's Mentoring Initiative and participation in the annual Dr. Martin L. King Commemorative March; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Alumnae Chapter sponsors local programs and initiatives in the community which include: "Delta Academy," a mentorship program for middle school girls; "Delta GEMS," a mentorship program for high school girls; "Delta Days at Local Government," attendance and/or discussion with representatives at the city, county and school board levels about the issues involving our community; support of the Arts through sponsorship of private movie screenings, such as "Selma;" sponsorship of forums on various social action issues; Get Out The Vote Rallies and a scholarship program which provides annual financial scholarships to at least four college-bound young ladies in the amount of \$1,000 each; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Alumnae Chapter anticipates hosting over 200 members, families and friends during the weekend of October 23-25, 2015, to commemorate and celebrate 30 years of outstanding public service to our community, as we focus on the theme, "Celebrating Our Legacy."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October, 2015 as

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in supporting the Gainesville Alumnae Chapter's public service 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 23rd day of September, A.D., 2015.



Ed Braddy
Edward B. Braddy
Mayor