

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 by twenty-two Black collegiate 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 core values; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a sisterhood that 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 currently has a membership of 60 dynamic, spectacular and tenacious women of the Gainesville community and is active in the American Cancer Society East Gainesville Relay for Life, "Listen to Your Heart 5K Run|Walk" (benefits the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign), Voter Empowerment Day, as well as programs for the Youth and Senior Citizens; and

WHEREAS, many members of the Gainesville Alumnae Chapter will attend some of Delta Sigma Theta's National Centennial Year celebration activities such as, the Pasadena, California "Tournament of Roses" Parade and Gala, the reenactment of the Women's Suffrage March and the National Convention in Washington, D.C. in January, March and July 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Alumnae Chapter will host over 200 members, family and friends from around the state of Florida and out of state when they commemorate and celebrate 100 years of Delta Sigma Theta's unwavering commitment to Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service during the Centennial Gala on Saturday, January 26, 2013. The Gala will include a donation to the East Gainesville Relay for Life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2013 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in supporting the programs and projects sponsored by the Gainesville Alumnae Chapter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 8^{th} day of January, C.E., 2013.

Craig Lowe Mayor

