

PROCLAMATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN HONOR OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the brave, bold, and fearless women who have influenced history; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. was founded in 1913 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University who endeavored to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to those in need. In March of 1913, the Founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. performed their first public act by participating in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a sisterhood of predominantly Black college educated women whose purpose is to provide public service and support through established programs to local communities and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. instills a foundation for youth through social programs based upon the sorority's Five-Point Program of Educational Development, Economic Development, International Awareness, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Rancocas Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1976 with Deltas from the New Jersey communities of Willingboro, Mt. Holly, Pemberton, and Burlington to create what is now an active, thriving local chapter providing public service throughout the greater Burlington County area; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. promotes equality and social justice through their participation in the conversations of gender equality on a federal, state and local level; and

WHEREAS, during the 2020-2021 year the Chapter provided virtual programs to include: Voters Registration Outreach; Census 2020 social media awareness activities; Affordable Housing Symposium; Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshops; Annual Heart Health Month; 15th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Challenge in support of a local food pantry to collect food and clothing donations; Memorial Scholarship Fund for Female Minority Students enrolled in High Schools in Burlington County; A Virtual Community Conversation regarding the Covid-19 Vaccine with Congressman Andy Kim and Assemblyman Herb Conaway; Virtual Career Expo 2021 in partnership with Rowan College; HBCU Day Virtual College Tour and Information in partnership with the Burlington County Minority and Equality Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Dr. Tiffani A. Worthy, Mayor of Township of Willingboro, along with the Willingboro Township Council, and Willingboro residents do hereby deem it a pleasure to extend sincere appreciation in recognition of the Rancocas Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

In Witness whereof I Hereunto Set My Hand And Seal of Willingboro Township this 25, day of March 2021

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