



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to foster public service, scholarship, and sisterhood; and
- WHEREAS:** The Sorority was founded on January 13, 1913 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and was incorporated in 1930; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1939 the Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter was chartered; and in 1959 the name was changed to the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter; and
- WHEREAS:** Winston-Salem has two undergraduate chapters: the Pi Omicron Chapter at Wake Forest University, and the newly chartered Phi Epsilon Chapter at Winston-Salem State University, both supported by the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter; and
- WHEREAS:** The major programs of the sorority are centered on the organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and
- WHEREAS:** Members of the Alumnae Chapter are active in local, state, and national policy initiatives, and have won numerous awards on all levels; and
- WHEREAS:** Chapter highlights include: a literacy initiative to foster reading in local schools with an emphasis on North Hills Elementary; hosting the South Atlantic Regional Delta Authors on Tour featuring seven female authors; an international service trip to Ghana, West Africa, hosting a women's conference and creating a computer lab at the Mante School of Excellence; and establishing a Women Breaking Barriers Event Series to highlight careers and economic opportunities for women in non-traditional spaces; and
- WHEREAS:** The Chapter has ongoing programs and partnerships throughout the city and beyond including Delta Academy/Delta G.E.M.S. (Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully) for young girls and female teens; volunteer opportunities with Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC; participation in a Pack-a-Thon with Feed the Hunger where the chapter packed and sent over 10,000 meals to Haiti; provided over \$100,000 in scholarships through the Jabberwock and Little Miss Jubilee pageants; donations (financial and in-kind) to community non-profits including but not limited to: H.O.P.E. of Winston-Salem, SECU Family House, the Parenting Path, Eliza's Helping Hands, and Family Services; and
- WHEREAS:** Annually the Sorority celebrates May Week to highlight the five major programs, support local businesses, and celebrate the progress of the previous year. October 2026 marks the 87th celebration of service to the community by the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 18, 2026 as

DELTA SIGMA THETA DAY

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of May, 2026.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor