



# 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:** It 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:** The City has one undergraduate chapter: the Pi Omicron Chapter at Wake Forest University; and

**WHEREAS:** The major programs of the sorority are centered on the organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrust:

1. Economic Development
2. Educational Development
3. International Awareness and Involvement
4. Physical and Mental Health
5. Political Awareness and Involvement; and

**WHEREAS:** Members of the Sorority are active in local, state and national politics; and the group has won numerous awards on all levels; and

**WHEREAS:** Chapter program highlights include: Donations (Financial and In-Kind) to Community Non-Profits; partnerships with other community organizations to bring awareness about political issues affecting our city, state and nation; providing donations for Edu-Pack and meals for Feed the Hunger, Positive Wellness Alliance Holiday Gift Adopt a Child Initiative, food pantry and monetary donations, H.O.P.E. of Winston-Salem, and SECU Family House; donations to Mask the City, Eliza's Helping Hands, Family Services, Chase's Chance, Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF), a partnership with Jump at the Sun, the Salvation Army Center of Hope; American Heart Association, Go Red and other events; Financial Fortitude Workshops; Voter Registration, Engagement, Mobilization and Voter Rights Information; Scholarships; Delta Academy/Delta G.E.M.S. (Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully) and providing volunteer hours and donations to the WSFC School system; and

**WHEREAS:** Annually the Sorority celebrates the events, programs and progress of the previous year; and 2021 marks the 82<sup>nd</sup> celebration of 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 17, 2021

## DELTA SIGMA THETA DAY

in Winston-Salem and commend the positive influence of the members on this City.

Given under my hand and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

J. ALLEN JOINES

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Mayor