

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Reps. B. Carter and Rheingans offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 13, 2025, as Delta Sigma Theta
2 Sorority, Incorporated, Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a private, not-
4 for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and
5 support through established programs in local communities
6 throughout the world. The organization is a sisterhood of
7 predominantly black, college-educated women; and

8 Whereas, On January 13, 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
9 Inc., was founded at Howard University in the District of Columbia
10 by Osceola Macarthy Adams, Marguerite Young Alexander, Winona
11 Cargile Alexander, Ethel Cuff Black, Bertha Pitts Campbell, Zephyr
12 Chisom Carter, Edna Brown Coleman, Jessie McGuire Dent, Frederica

1 Chase Dodd, Myra Davis Hemmings, Olive Jones, Jimmie Bugg
2 Middleton, Pauline Oberdorfer Minor, Vashti Turley Murphy, Naomi
3 Sewell Toms, Ethel Carr Watson, Wertie Blackwell Weaver, Madree
4 Penn White, and Edith Motte Young; and

5 Whereas, In March 1913, the founders of Delta Sigma Theta
6 Sorority, Inc., participated in the Women's Suffrage March in the
7 District of Columbia, the sorority's first public act; and

8 Whereas, Since its founding, more than 350,000 women have
9 joined the organization. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has
10 twenty-eight chapters in Michigan: Pontiac Alumnae, Zeta Rho, Theta
11 Theta, Tau Psi, Tau, Southfield Alumnae, Saginaw Alumnae, Rho Mu,
12 Omicron Zeta, NU, Muskegon Heights Alumnae, Mu Phi, Midland
13 Alumnae, Lansing Alumnae, Lambda Pi, Kalamazoo Alumnae, Inkster
14 Alumnae, Grand Rapids Alumnae, Flint Alumnae, Epsilon Epsilon,
15 Detroit Alumnae, Delta Upsilon, Delta Psi, Delta Beta, Benton
16 Harbor-St. Joe Alumnae, Battle Creek Alumnae, Ann Arbor Alumnae,
17 and Macomb Alumnae. There are more than 1,000 chapters located in
18 the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands,
19 Bermuda, the Bahamas, and South Korea; and

20 Whereas, On January 13, 2021, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
21 Inc., celebrated 108 years of thoughtful service to and
22 conscientious leadership in communities throughout the United
23 States and the world in diverse fields relating to public service
24 and the organization's five-point programmatic thrust: economic
25 development, educational development, international awareness and
26 involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness
27 and involvement; now, therefore, be it

28 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

1 this legislative body declare January 13, 2025, as Delta Sigma
2 Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Day in the state of Michigan. We
3 recognize the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for
4 their outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation,
5 and the international community and for their promotion of
6 sisterhood, scholarship, and service.