
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 373 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, FONTANA, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, FARNESE,
SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE, DINNIMAN, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER,
RAFFERTY, SCHWANK AND AUMENT, MAY 17, 2016

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 17, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 17, 2016, as "Delta Sigma Theta Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2016, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority celebrated its
4 103rd anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta is the largest historically black
6 sorority in the nation, founded by 22 collegiate women at Howard
7 University in 1913; and

8 WHEREAS, The sorority was established for the purpose of
9 encouraging academic excellence and providing assistance through
10 established programs in local communities throughout the world;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta founders created an organization
13 that has always strived for the advancement not only of an
14 individual, but of a people, by granting scholarships, offering
15 support to the underserved, educating and stimulating
16 participation in the establishment of positive public policy and
17 aiding local communities through volunteer service; and

1 WHEREAS, Led by Dr. Paulette C. Walker, the sorority has
2 expanded into a sisterhood of more than 300,000 predominantly
3 black, college-educated women and a network of more than 1,000
4 chapters located across the globe, including more than 10
5 alumnae and 15 collegiate chapters active within this
6 Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta has remained a visionary
8 institution, enacting change through public service and working
9 for the common good, with an emphasis on education, health,
10 economic development and political and international
11 involvement; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 103rd anniversary
13 of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in order to honor over a
14 century of dedication to public service and educational
15 achievement in our communities; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 17, 2016, as "Delta
17 Sigma Theta Day" in Pennsylvania.