

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University who sought to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence, provide scholarships and support to those in need, educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and address issues affecting their communities; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has been committed to civic engagement and public service, including historic efforts to promote voter education, civil rights, and participation in the democratic process while encouraging leadership and advocacy in communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was incorporated in 1930 and is a private, nonprofit organization that provides assistance and support through established programs in local communities and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is the largest African American Greek-letter sorority, a sisterhood of more than three hundred fifty thousand predominantly African American, college-educated women, comprised of more than one thousand fifty chapters worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated maintains a strong presence throughout the state of Louisiana, with numerous alumnae and collegiate chapters actively serving their communities through programs focused on education, health, economic empowerment, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated stand on the shoulders of giants, including former state representatives Renee Gill Pratt, Rosalind Peychaud, Jalila Jefferson Bullock, and the late Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, and former state senators, Diana E. Bajoie, Karen Carter Peterson, and Cheryl Gray Evans, whose leadership has left an enduring imprint on the history of this state; and

WHEREAS, membership in this highly regarded, service-based sorority also includes Louisiana State Senate Secretary Yolanda J. Dixon; and

WHEREAS, to uplift, encourage, and develop the global community, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated focuses its efforts on the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

WHEREAS, the organizational structure and governance of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is vested in the Grand Chapter, which meets at a biennial national convention, and regional conferences held in the organization's seven geographic regions during nonconvention years; and

WHEREAS, the success of the public service programs of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated exemplifies the organization's commitment to community service and academic achievement, as well as its quest for excellence in all endeavors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Day at the Louisiana State Capitol; commends and recognizes the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for their exceptional achievements and manifold contributions; and extends enduring appreciation to the organization and its members for the tremendous pride and honor they bring to their local communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE