



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded in 1913 by 22 visionary collegiate women at Howard University in Washington, DC who sought to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and perform multifaceted community service; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's commitment to change and betterment was demonstrated during their participation in the Women's Suffrage March held on March 3, 1913 for equal and voting rights for women as the only African-American women's organization; and

WHEREAS, incorporated in 1930, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is known throughout the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago, nationally and internationally as a non-profit, service sorority whose steadfast dedication to communities throughout the world has grown to over 1,000 chapters with nearly 250,000 college educated, predominately African-American women; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. provides community services under its Five Point Programmatic Thrust: **Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement**; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. seeks to ensure and continue important service initiatives for communities in the greater Chicagoland area, with the aims of improving outreach, enriching families and individuals, and exerting a profound positive influence on those impacted; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., founded in 1959, currently stands as the largest chapter in the Midwest with 1,079 members that continue the work of the sorority with involved advocacy for educational, healthcare, and economic access; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Alumnae, chosen by the National body of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will bring even greater awareness to issues impacting many communities by hosting a symbolic march on March 23, 2013 in support of equitable education and the eradication of youth violence wherein the Sorority's symbol of excellence – The Torch – will be visible for all to see as a reminder of the great works before, the great works currently and the great works to come:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2013, to be DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. DAY IN CHICAGO and urge all citizens to explore and participate in social advocacy and dynamic service to better our communities.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2013.


Mayor