



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded January 16, 1920, in Washington D.C. on the campus of Howard University; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta's inception was during a period marked by active social movements such as the Harlem Renaissance, prohibition, women's suffrage, and the fight against racial prejudices facing African Americans; also, the Great Depression defined the end of the decade; and

WHEREAS, inspired to provide service and directly affect positive change, five collegiate women envisioned a sorority which would address prejudices, raise the consciousness of the black community, encourage scholastic achievement, and foster a greater sense of unity among its members; and

WHEREAS, the organization has chartered hundreds of chapters, formed auxiliary groups, and initiated thousands of women globally; the State of North Carolina is home to 1,300 members and 66 chapters, as well as being both the birthplace and final resting place for one of the organization's founders, Pearl Anna Neal; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta was the first National Pan-Hellenic Council organization to centralize in a national headquarters, the first to charter a chapter in Africa, and the first sorority constitutionally bound to a fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the sorority's national and local programs include the endowment of its National Educational Foundation community outreach services and support of multiple affiliate organizations; Zeta Phi Beta chapters and auxiliaries have given hours of voluntary service to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for social and civic change; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the service and community work that Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated has exemplified for the past 100 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2020, in recognition of the "CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this sixth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.