

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-XXX OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMEMORATING DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED'S CENTENNIAL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 by 22 college students attending Howard University. These visionary young women founded an organization where its members would use their collective strength to promote economic and educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement. Over the past 100 years Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has grown from one chapter at one university to over 900 collegiate and alumnae chapters and a membership of over 300,000 college educated women throughout the world

Members of the organization include nationally recognized leaders such as former U.S. Rep. Shirley Chisholm who championed minimum wage increases, better K – 12 education, and the abolishment of conscription on the national stage, Former sorority president, Dr. Dorothy Height who made huge inroads towards desegregation and getting more African American women in leadership positions within the U. S. government while lobbying the Roosevelt and Eisenhower administrations, and Mary McLeod Bethune, famed educator and founder of Bethune Cookman University.

For over 72 years there have been Deltas active in Miami-Dade County which has been the home of five local chapters including the Miami Alumnae, the Dade County Alumnae, the Tau Rho at the University of Miami, the Iota Pi at Florida International University, and the Zeta Tau at Florida Memorial University. The sorority's local elected leaders also include, but are not limited to, former U.S. Representative Carrie P. Meek, State Senator Larcenia Bullard, County Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson, County Commissioner Barbara Carey Schuler, County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson Mayor of South Miami Anna Price, and Mayor of Miami Gardens Shirley Gibson and former State Representative and current School Board Member Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall.

The service of the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. have contributed greatly to improving the education of Miami-Dade County's youth while serving as parents, educators, administrators, mentors and donors of millions in college scholarships.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published agenda in order to properly and timely commemorate the centennial anniversary of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**Good Cause
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TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL, School Board of Miami-Dade County
SUBJECT: Resolution No. 13-XXX of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, commemorating Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's Centennial.

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The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a national organization of African American women. It was founded in 1913 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The sorority has a long history of service to the community and the promotion of the education and advancement of African American women. It is a proud member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council on University and College Women.

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ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-XXX of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, commemorating Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's Centennial.

