

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 216

BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS AND MARCELLE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 14, 2024, as Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, May 14, 2024, as Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated Day at the state  
3 capitol.

4 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on January 13, 1913, by  
5 twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University who were eager to use their collective  
6 strength to promote academic excellence, to provide scholarships and support to those in  
7 need, to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy,  
8 and to highlight issues and find solutions to problems in their communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority exercises its collective strength to promote  
10 academic excellence and to provide assistance to the community; and

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

14 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African  
15 American Greek letter sorority, a sisterhood of more than two hundred thousand  
16 predominately African American college educated women, comprised of more than nine  
17 hundred chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands,  
18 Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

19 WHEREAS, the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, stand on the  
20 shoulders of giants such as former state representatives Renee Gill Pratt, Rosalind Peychaud,  
21 Jalila Jefferson Bullock, and the late Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, and former state senators

1 Diana E. Bajoie, Karen Carter Peterson, and Cheryl Gray Evans who have left an incredible  
2 imprint on this state's history; and

3 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, uses its Five-Point Program,  
4 Thrust of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and  
5 Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement, to  
6 uplift, encourage, and develop the global community; and

7 WHEREAS, the organizational structure and governance of Delta Sigma Theta  
8 Sorority, Incorporated, is invested in the Grand Chapter, which meets at a biennial national  
9 convention, and regional conferences are held in the seven geographic regions of the  
10 organization during nonconvention years; and

11 WHEREAS, the success of the public service programs of Delta Sigma Theta  
12 Sorority, Incorporated, has depended upon its commitment to community service and  
13 academic achievement as well as its quest for excellence in all endeavors.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, May 14, 2024, as Delta Sigma  
16 Theta Incorporated Day at the state capitol; does hereby commend the women of Delta  
17 Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for their exceptional achievements and manifold  
18 contributions; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation to the organization and its  
19 members for the tremendous pride and honor that they bring to their local communities, the  
20 state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

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#### DIGEST

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