



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated**, founded in 1913 is a private, not-for-profit organization of college educated women committed to Sisterhood, Scholarship, Service and Social Action whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS, the Delta Psi Sigma Chapter (later renamed Gastonia Alumnae Chapter) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority** was officially chartered February 13, 1954 at the home of Maude M. Jeffers along with members Mary E. Owen, LaVaughn F. Gingles, Nettie J. Wray, Lucille Yarborough, Lillian W. Howell, Johnsie D. McCorkle, Anne G. Miller, Adelaide C. Allison and Addie L. Jones; and

**WHEREAS, since then there have been 31 Gastonia Alumnae Chapter Presidents** to be elected including Ms. Donyel Barber who served from 2009 to 2013; and

**WHEREAS, the Gastonia Alumnae Chapter** has established a wide range of service programs in the community addressing education, health, international development, and strengthening of the African American family; and

**WHEREAS, the Gastonia Alumnae Chapter** continues to serve the community's various needs through its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard Franks, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, recognize and congratulate the Gastonia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority** on its 70<sup>th</sup> year of service and sisterhood.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.**

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Richard Franks, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk