

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was founded on January 13, 1913, at Howard University in Washington, DC, by twenty-two college-educated, acclaimed women, who wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to persons in need; and
- Whereas,** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's commitment to change and betterment was demonstrated when its Founders stepped out on faith to march with the suffragettes and took a stand for social justice as their first public act with 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,** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a private, not-for-profit organization, whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world as a public service organization with more than 250,000 members and more than 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters; and
- Whereas,** in realizing the mission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Bluefield Alumnae and Beta Pi Chapters have organized an extensive array of public service initiatives that align with the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and
- Whereas,** the Bluefield Alumnae and Beta Pi Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., are the host the West Virginia Statewide Founders Day Celebration on Saturday, March 16, in the air condition City of Bluefield West Virginia and bring hundreds of sisters and community residents together; and
- Whereas,** it is a privilege for the Great State of West Virginia to celebrate the histories, contributions, and legacies of twenty-two young women and honor the Founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; on the 111th Anniversary of its founding.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 16, 2024* as:


West Virginia Founders Day for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in the Mountain State.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Sixteenth Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the One Hundred Sixty-First Year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State