Mecklenburg County North Carolina Proclamation

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., is an international community service driven organization that was founded on January 16, 1920 in Washington, D.C. on the campus of Howard University by five collegiate women; and

WHEREAS, one of the five founders, Pearl Anna Neal of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., was born in Charlotte, North Carolina and is buried at York Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 1934, Ethel Butler, Thelma Harris Hunt, Lucille Robinson, Laura Davidson Rollings, and Sarah Scott Schofield chartered the Delta Zeta Chapter a Graduate Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Charlotte, NC; and

WHEREAS, guided by their core values of scholarship, service, sisterhood, and finer womanhood, for the past 90 years the women of Delta Zeta Chapter have worked tirelessly to provide critical services and support to our communities in Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the women of the Delta Zeta Chapter continuously demonstrate their commitment to community service by organizing educational enhancement programs at local schools across grade levels, volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte, social and civic advocacy, and providing health and wellness resources to the Charlotte community through Zetas Helping Other People Excel program (Z-HOPE); and

WHEREAS, a further testament to the Delta Zeta Chapter is their passion for meeting relevant needs and uplifting their communities, through their Youth Affiliate Groups mentoring young girls ages 4-18 years old, demonstrating leadership, ideals of scholarship, positive sisterly relationships and community service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners recognize and congratulate Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Delta Zeta Chapter on its 90th Year of Service in Charlotte, North Carolina and does hereby proclaim December 4, 2024 as

"ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.~ DELTA ZETA CHAPTER DAY"

in Mecklenburg County and encourage all citizens to join us in this special observance.

This 19th day of November 2024

George R. Dunlap, Chair

Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners