

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the first African-American Greek Letter sorority in Columbia and only the second graduate chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in the Palmetto State, was chartered as Beta Beta Sigma Chapter on November 16, 1940, by 15 college-educated women determined to use their collective talents to serve and improve the lives of people in their community; and

**WHEREAS,** for 75 years, the Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter has served the local community through the implementation of various public service initiatives organized around the sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust, including Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

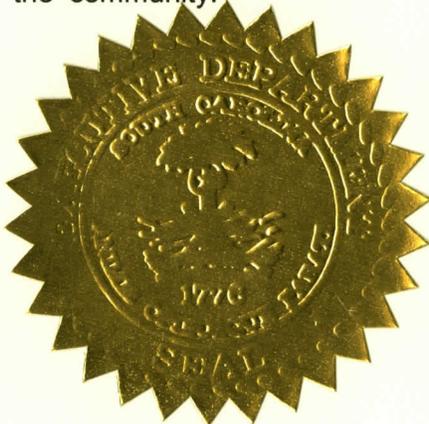
**WHEREAS,** spearheading projects and services ranging from black heritage seminars, career fairs, and voter registration, education, and mobilization to health fairs, adult literacy and tutoring programs, and other volunteer efforts at schools, hospitals, and homes for the elderly, the Chapter has had a significant impact in the community throughout its existence; and

**WHEREAS,** current programs for youth focus on scholarships and personal development programs designed to foster excellence and future career success in the fields of mathematics, science, and technology as well as preparation for social, educational, and professional success for young ladies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2015, as**

### COLUMBIA (SC) ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta for its work to improve the lives of residents of the community.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

**NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**