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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was
3 founded by 22 illustrious college-educated young women on the
4 campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in January
5 1913; and

6 WHEREAS, Shortly after the founding of Delta Sigma Theta
7 Sorority, Inc., the 22 young women participated in the Women's
8 Suffrage March and demanded rights for women, including the
9 right to vote, which transformed the role of women in the
10 democratic process; and

11 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an
12 organization of college-educated women committed to the
13 constructive development of its members through public service
14 with a primary focus on the Black community; and

15 WHEREAS, The programs of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
16 are implemented through its Five Point Programmatic Thrust,
17 which includes Economic Development, Educational Development,
18 Physical and Mental Health, Political Awareness and
19 Involvement, and International Awareness and Involvement; and

20 WHEREAS, Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are
21 accomplished corporate, civic, and public officials and

1 acclaimed scholars; and

2 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has a membership
3 of more than 350,000 college-educated women in more than 1,020
4 chapters worldwide, of which 25 chapters are located in the
5 State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1989, the National Social Action Commission
7 instituted Delta Days in the Nation's Capital as a biennial
8 legislative conference to increase member involvement in the
9 public policy-making process; and

10 WHEREAS, Delta Days at the Illinois State Capitol has
11 occurred on a regular basis with members from across the State
12 in attendance; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 3, 2023
15 as Delta Day 2023 at the State Capitol in recognition of Delta
16 Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the 2023 theme of
17 "Effectuating Change: Impact through Accountability,
18 Empowerment and Action"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as a symbol of
21 our respect and esteem.