

BY: Senator HAMILTON

COMMEMORATING the 69th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on March 14, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 69th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on Wednesday, March 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is the single largest predominately African-American, college educated women's organization in the world, and is dedicated to providing assistance and support through established programs in local communities; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was first chartered on March 14, 1949, but was not organized until February of 1950; and

WHEREAS, At its inaugural meeting at the Third Avenue Branch of the Brooklyn YWCA, 20 dedicated and committed Brooklyn Deltas came together to receive the Chapter's Charter which was presented to Chapter President, Soror Catherine T. Alexander, by National Officer, Soror Muriel Johnson Jenkins; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 68 years, the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter has worked tirelessly to establish initiatives to enhance the educational and cultural life of Brooklyn with a primary focus on the Black community through the development of programs based on Delta's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping educate young African-American men and women, the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter has awarded significant funding for college scholarships, sponsored Black College Fairs, and organized annual overnight Teen Lift Tours to historically Black colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this remarkable service organization encourages reading through School America, and fosters science, mathematics, and technology with the SEE program; it also works to support local youth through the EMBODI and GEMS programs for boys and girls, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter's Poetry Slam offers

a public speaking forum for young people, and its Black Book Fair provides local and nationally known authors and publishers the opportunity to bring the written word to its community; and

WHEREAS, Active internationally, Brooklyn Deltas have diligently worked to provide support to schoolchildren in Sierra Leone and Ghana, and have assisted in International Awareness projects in Haiti, Central and South America, Grenada, and Ethiopia; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the sorority and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, In light of its commitment, dedication, and successful efforts, it is the practice of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 69th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on March 14, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.