

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALBUQUERQUE  
3 ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED.

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5 WHEREAS, on January 13, 1913, twenty-two collegiate  
6 women at Howard university in Washington, D.C., founded the  
7 public service organization, delta sigma theta sorority; and

8 WHEREAS, the organization's first public display of  
9 social activism was participation in the women's suffrage  
10 march on March 3, 1913; and

11 WHEREAS, these young women wanted to use their  
12 collective strength to promote academic excellence, provide  
13 assistance to persons in need, provide scholarships, provide  
14 support to the underserved, educate and stimulate  
15 participation in the establishment of positive public policy  
16 and highlight issues and provide solutions to problems in  
17 their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, on March 18, 1967, Mona Humphries Bailey,  
19 farwest regional director of delta sigma theta sorority,  
20 incorporated, presented the Albuquerque alumnae charter to  
21 fifteen awe-inspiring women; and

22 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter of delta sigma  
23 theta sorority, incorporated, is the only alumnae chapter of  
24 delta sigma theta sorority, incorporated, in New Mexico; and

25 WHEREAS, charter members of the Albuquerque alumnae

1 chapter are Uline Hughes, Euola Cox, Joy Malry, Ellie Warren,  
2 Ina Webb, Margaret Carson, Artis Hopkins, Alfreda Taylor,  
3 Laretta Loftus, Anna Swain, Jennie Brown, Sara Davis, Fannie  
4 Dawson, Buena Vista Green and Dorothy McNeil; and

5 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has volunteered  
6 hundreds of hours in the last fifty years with community  
7 service programs, such as habitat for humanity, the  
8 Albuquerque rescue mission, the African American read-in, the  
9 roadrunner food bank of New Mexico, project share, the breast  
10 cancer resource center, cuidando los ninos, my sister's  
11 closet, S.A.F.E. house New Mexico, world AIDS day, the school  
12 supplies drive, the dress for success clothing drive, the  
13 spread the warmth blanket drive, the step-2-success shoe  
14 drive, the voter education and registration drive and the  
15 city of Albuquerque's adopt-a-highway program; and

16 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has  
17 successfully raised funds and participated in the American  
18 cancer society making strides against breast cancer walk, the  
19 Susan G. Komen race for the cure, the leukemia and lymphoma  
20 society's light the night walk and St. Jude walk/run to end  
21 childhood cancer; and

22 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has held  
23 workshops on scholarship applications and financial literacy;  
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25 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has awarded

1 thousands of dollars in college scholarships to high school  
2 and college-aged students; and

3 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has supported  
4 the arts through successful collaborations with the  
5 university of New Mexico's Popejoy hall to provide cultural  
6 enrichment to the community; and

7 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter continues to  
8 take an interest and maintain active involvement in the  
9 welfare of the community through voter education and  
10 registration; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter hosted  
12 the forty-fourth southwest regional conference of delta sigma  
13 theta sorority, incorporated, in Albuquerque, where one  
14 thousand five hundred women from Arkansas, Jamaica,  
15 Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas attended and contributed  
16 almost one million dollars (\$1,000,000) over four days to the  
17 local and state economies; and

18 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has submitted  
19 anti-hazing legislation to the state legislature to prevent  
20 reckless acts that intentionally endanger the physical,  
21 mental and emotional health of anyone seeking admission to a  
22 group, athletic team, organization or society related to  
23 educational institutions in New Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter will continue  
25 to perform the work of the organization's five-point program

1 thrust of economic development, educational development,  
2 international awareness and involvement, physical and mental  
3 health and political awareness and involvement;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the  
6 Albuquerque alumnae chapter of delta sigma theta sorority,  
7 incorporated, be recognized for its dedication and commitment  
8 to social activism on its fiftieth anniversary; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the Albuquerque alumnae chapter of delta sigma  
11 theta sorority, incorporated.

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