

# Proclamation

By the Mayor of the City of Thomasville, North Carolina  
In Observance of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated  
January 12 - 21, 2020

**WHEREAS**, January 16, 2020 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated; and

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. as the sister organization of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity by five coeds: Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings, Fannie Pettie Watts, and Pearl Anna Neal; and

**WHEREAS**, these women dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for African-American women and sought to establish a new organization predicated on the principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the founders planted an idea that has carried forth around the world by more than 800 chapters and 150,000 members strong, for more than a century now; and

**WHEREAS**, the Theta Eta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was chartered in Thomasville, North Carolina on May 29, 1976, and promotes scholarship and academic excellence, sponsored community service projects and organized social and networking programs in Davidson County;

**WHEREAS**, in an organization intended to build community awareness and action, the members of the Theta Eta Zeta Chapter have sponsored the following events here in the City of Thomasville: 21-year sponsorship of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast and Community Program; feedings at Cooperative Community Ministries; food drives; the Salvation Army Red Kettle bell ringing; Party in the Park events; Adopt-A-School initiatives and the Jr. Miss scholarship pageants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Theta Eta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and its members join other chapters around the world by helping people excel under its Zeta-Helping Other People Excel (Z-Hope) model.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor of the City of Thomasville, North Carolina, do hereby congratulate Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and the Theta Eta Zeta Chapter for its commitment to the community of Thomasville during this 100-year celebration; and proclaim the week of January 12 to January 21, 2020 as

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And I further encourage all residents to join me in congratulating this community-conscious, action-oriented organization for 100 years of service.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Thomasville to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2020.

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Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor  
Thomasville, North Carolina