

**COMMEMORATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FARWEST REGION OF  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University who were committed to promoting academic excellence and providing assistance to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has grown into one of the largest Black women's organizations in the world, boasting over 350,000 initiated members and more than 1,000 chapters across the globe, remaining steadfast in its commitment to sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action; and

**WHEREAS**, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. holds the distinction of being the first Black sorority to charter a chapter west of the Rocky Mountains and in 1925, the Sorority established its second region, known as the Farwest Region; and

**WHEREAS**, since the formation of the Farwest Region, more than 100 collegiate and alumnae chapters have been chartered across its expansive footprint, continuing to advance the Sorority's mission through transformative programming and lasting community impact; and

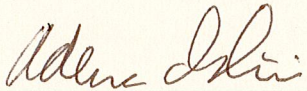
**WHEREAS**, for 100 years, the Farwest Region has served as a trailblazer in civic engagement, educational equity, economic development, and cultural pride—embodying the Sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Farwest Region has responded to the call of service during times of crisis and triumph—organizing voter registration drives, establishing scholarship funds, advocating for Black maternal health, combating racial injustice, and uplifting communities impacted by wildfires, natural disasters, and systemic inequities; and

**WHEREAS**, the region honors a distinguished legacy of leadership, including Soror Vivian Osborne Marsh, the 7th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the first Farwest Regional Director. Soror Marsh played a pivotal role in chartering Kappa Chapter at the University of California, Berkeley, the first chapter of a Black sorority established west of the Rocky Mountains. Her visionary leadership, tireless advocacy for educational equity, and bold stance against lynching laid the foundation for generations of Farwest Delta women committed to justice, scholarship, and service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centennial Celebration of the Farwest Region—taking place throughout 2025—serves as a historic moment to honor a century of impactful work, elevate cultural heritage, invest in future leaders, and renew its commitment to service, justice, and empowerment. This milestone reflects not only the past achievements of Delta women across the Farwest, but also the enduring power of collective action, Black excellence, intergenerational sisterhood, and unwavering dedication to social change ; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved** that I, Adena Ishii, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby honor and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Farwest Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and uplift the legacy of its members whose service, leadership, and vision continue to transform lives and communities across the globe.



Adena Ishii  
Mayor



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