

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

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta is the first and only National Pan Hellenic Council organization to be constitutionally bound to a fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. Zeta Phi Beta is the first sorority in the National Pan-Hellenic Council to organize auxiliary groups and first to charter a chapter in Africa (Monrovia, Liberia), and to have a national headquarters for all operations; and

WHEREAS, the founders believed that sorority elitism and socializing overshadowed the real mission for progressive organizations. Since its founding, Zeta Phi Beta has historically focused on addressing social causes; and

WHEREAS, the principles of the sorority are Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. The Sorority's motto is "A Community Conscious- action oriented organization"; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, five women from Howard University fostered the ideas of service, charity, scholarship, civil and cultural endeavors, sisterhood and finer womanhood. These ideals are reflected in the sorority's national program for which its members and auxiliary groups provide voluntary service to staff, community outreach programs, funded scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for social and civic change; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Eta Zeta Chapter, was chartered in December of 1961 in Fort Pierce, Florida with Naomi Todd, Lois Dickerson, Dorothy McCallister-Shaw, Betty Seymour, Lee Ann Collins, Alberta Brant, Katie Alston, and Mary Etta Bryant being its charter members; and

WHEREAS, these women have laid the groundwork to service and dedication to the City of Fort Pierce, Florida since its inception. Zeta Eta Zeta Chapter continues to deliver service for its citizens in our community and from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, On January 16, 2020, the Finer Women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, will be commemorating 100 years of excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby issue this proclamation in honor of:

**ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC,
CENTINIAL CELEBRATION**

100 YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIP, SERVICE, SISTERHOOD AND FINER WOMANHOOD

in the City of Fort Pierce, Florida and ask all citizens to acknowledge the commitment of the organization and its members within our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of December, 2019.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER