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WHEREAS, the **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** was founded on January 13, 1913 at Howard University, Washington, D.C., by 22 outstanding collegiate women who wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and assistance to those in need. Delta was incorporated in 1930. It is a private, not-for-profit organization that has distinguished itself as a public service organization that boldly confronts the challenges of African-Americans and, hence, all Americans whose members strive to provide assistance and support in local communities throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** is a Sisterhood of predominantly Black, college educated women. Over the years, a range of programs addressing education, health, international development, and the strengthening of the African-American family has evolved into major programs based upon the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust. The Five-Point Programmatic Thrust is focused on Educational Development, Economic Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement. The five points come together to provide an extensive array of public service initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, since its founding, more than 200,000 women have joined **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority**. It currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters in the United States, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, and the Republic of Korea; and,

WHEREAS, in 1971, previously chartered as the Alpha Epsilon Chapter since 1927, the **Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter (PAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority** was chartered; and,

WHEREAS, the **Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta** was founded as a mixed chapter, incorporating graduate Sorors living in the Pittsburgh area and students attending Pittsburgh area colleges. As members of a national service sorority, members are required to exemplify and encourage high cultural, intellectual, and moral standards and that their actions exemplify the public and personal behaviors that reflect the ideals and principles espoused by the Sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, the **Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter** will hold its 4th Biennial Arts Luncheon and Fashion Show, to benefit the Dr. Vernell A. Lillie Arts Scholarship Fund. Scholarships will provide tuition assistance, textbook assistance, art supplies, or equipment assistance to the students. The Arts and Letters Committee scholarship enables the Sorority to meet one of the goals to advance African-American arts in the community. Scholarships are presented to high school and college students in the Greater Pittsburgh area that plan to pursue an education and career in the creative and performing arts; and,

WHEREAS, the **Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated**, **Dr. Vernell A. Lillie Arts Scholarship** award recipients are **Lani V. Owens of the Barack Obama Academy of International Studies, JaVaughn Corbett-Sparks of the City Charter High School, and Ruqqiyah Mosley**

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of the City Charter High School; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, the 16th of March 2019, to be “**Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Swing into Spring Arts Scholarship Fashion Show and Luncheon Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.