

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-01**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that January 19, 2015 will be celebrated locally and throughout the United States in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Breakfast, sponsored by Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., in Huntsville will be held at 8:00 a.m. in the North Hall of the Von Braun Center; and,

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1929. He graduated from Morehouse College, attended Crozer Theological Seminary and Boston University. He was the son of the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, and was ordained as a minister of a Baptist church in Montgomery, Alabama in 1954. His philosophy of nonviolent resistance was the manner in which he initiated and spearheaded numerous civil-rights activities. He led the August 1963 March on Washington which brought together more than 200,000 people. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; and,

**WHEREAS**, the speaker for the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Breakfast is Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, a 'true' educator who currently serves as the Director of Personnel Services for the Jefferson Parish Public School System in Harvey, Louisiana. She has impacted the lives of countless young people for over 30 years as a teacher, assistant principal, summer school principal and personnel administrator in her school district. Her professional experience also includes her service as executive director of Tech-Prep Summer Program at Delgado Community College in New Orleans. She has also worked as the assistant coordinator of field experiences and College of Education supervisor for early childhood student teaching experiences for the University of New Orleans; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Butler-McIntyre earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood education at Dillard University. At the age of 20, she earned a Master of Education degree in curriculum and instruction/educational administration at the University of New Orleans. She is the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree in religious education from the Louisiana Christian Bible College, and was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Dillard University; and,

**WHEREAS**, as the 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she served with honor from July 2008 - July 2013. Her distinguished record of service includes leading the sorority through its centennial celebrations giving worldwide attention to the sorority and its work globally. Initiated into the Sorority through the Beta Gamma Chapter of Dillard University on November 30, 1973, she has served Delta with a dedicated spirit and determined mind at the local, state, regional and national levels, which has earned her the respect

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and admiration of the membership and many others. She is lovingly regarded as "A Leader with a Servant's Heart"; and,

**WHEREAS**, among her many outstanding achievements and recognitions by numerous professional, civic and religious organizations on the local, state and national levels, she received a presidential appointment in 2011 when President Barack Obama tapped her to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a motivational, educational and religious speaker, she has inspired thousands, and she lives by the words taken from 1 Peter 4:10, which state in part that "Each one should use whatever gift they have received to serve others."

**WHEREAS**, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Huntsville, Alabama presents the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Breakfast each year to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to recognize and honor two unsung heroes from our community who give unselfishly of themselves to the causes of unity, justice and equality. Proceeds from the Unity Breakfast are used solely by the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation to aid students in their pursuit of academic excellence through the awarding of scholarships, mentoring, tutoring and the administration of leadership training.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, recognize and express our appreciation to the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., for hosting the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Breakfast. May all future endeavors continue to reflect those attributes for which Dr. King is remembered by promoting racial harmony, social freedom, justice, professional assistance and service to humanity.

**ADOPTED** this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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President of the City Council of the  
City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama