

## RESOLUTION NO. 15-24

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., will be hosting their 101 Founders Day Program at the National Speleological Society with Councilman Will Culver, District 5 Representative, Huntsville City Council, as the guest speaker on January 24, 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on January 9, 1914, by three young African-American male students. The founders, Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and Honorable Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is excited to celebrate 101 years of providing service to communities around the globe. Phi Beta Sigma has evolved into a historical institution of over 150,000 college-educated men operating over 650 chapters worldwide. The local chapter of Beta Epsilon Sigma was founded in 1948 by Brother Vivian M. Chambers and has been thriving ever since; and,

**WHEREAS**, the founders deeply wished to create an organization that viewed itself as "a part of" the general community rather than "apart from" the general community. They believed that each potential member should be judged on his own merits, rather than his family background or affluence...without regard to race, nationality, skin tone, or texture of hair. They desired for their fraternity to exist as part of an even greater brotherhood which would be devoted to the "inclusive we," rather than the "exclusive we," and,

**WHEREAS**, from its inception, the founders also conceived Phi Beta Sigma as a mechanism to deliver services to the general community. Rather than gaining skills to be utilized exclusively for themselves and their immediate families, they held a deep conviction that they should return their newly acquired skills to the communities from which they had come. This deep conviction was mirrored in the Fraternity's motto, "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity;" and,

**WHEREAS**, Phi Beta Sigma has blossomed into an international organization of leaders. No longer a single entity, members of the Fraternity have been instrumental in the establishment of the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union, and The Sigma Beta Club Foundation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, founded in 1920 with the assistance of Phi Beta Sigma, is the sister organization of the Fraternity; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the missions of Phi Beta Sigma are the Fraternity's most valuable resource and strength. They are the primary means by which the Phi Beta Sigma objectives will be achieved. In order to accomplish the Fraternity's objectives, it is essential that systems are instituted that effectively embody "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity" and promote brotherhood, scholarship, and service. To optimize Phi Beta Sigma's effectiveness, the Fraternity will: strengthen and serve proactively the brotherhood as a supportive resource that positively impacts the Fraternity's growth and financial solvency; reaffirm and maintain a strong commitment to brotherhood, scholarship and service; ensure that the Fraternity programs are focused and committed to serving humanity; create an environment that respects the dignity and worth of each brother; exhibit integrity and ethical behavior in conducting the Fraternity's business, serving as a model for all Greek-letter organizations; maintain and improve the Fraternity's technological literacy in order to better service its members and the community at large; foster and nurture their constitutional bond with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; encourage a closer and mutually beneficial working relationship with fellow Greek-letter organizations, other community service organizations, businesses and government; and select leaders who are committed and have demonstrated their ability to lead.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., in recognition of their 101 Founders Day Program, and extend best wishes to them for continued success.

**ADOPTED** this the 22nd day of January, 2015.

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

**APPROVED** this the 22nd day of January, 2015.

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Mayor of the City of  
Huntsville, Alabama