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Resolution congratulating the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. on celebrating its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY INC.

celebrated 100 years of scholarship, service, sisterhood and finer womanhood on January 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded January 16, 1920, at Howard University, Washington, D.C. by five coeds who envisioned a sorority which would directly affect positive change, chart a course of action for the 1920s and beyond, raise consciousness of their people, encourage the highest standards of scholastic achievement, and foster a greater sense of unity among its members; and*

WHEREAS, *The women founders of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. believed that sorority elitism and socializing overshadowed the real mission for progressive organizations and failed to address fully the societal mores, ills, prejudices, and poverty affecting humanity in general and the Black community in particular; and*

WHEREAS, *Since its inception, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has continued its steady climb into the national spotlight with programs designed to demonstrate concern for the human condition both nationally and internationally, and the organization has been innovative in that it has chronicled a number of firsts: It was the first National Pan-Hellenic Council organization to centralize its operations in a national headquarters, first to charter a chapter in Africa, first to form auxiliary groups, and first to be constitutionally bound to a fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and*

WHEREAS, *The sorority takes pride in its continued participation in transforming communities through volunteer services from members and its auxiliaries, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has chartered hundreds of chapters worldwide (including in Milwaukee) and has a membership of more than 100,000; and*

WHEREAS, *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.'s national and local programs include the endowment of its National Educational Foundation community outreach services and support of multiple affiliate organizations, and its chapters and auxiliaries have given unquantifiable hours of voluntary service to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for social and civic change; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. on its 100th anniversary and wishes the members continued success, health, and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Nikiya Dodd, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 21, 2020.