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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In response to the September 11 terrorist attacks
3 and the natural disasters that have occurred around the
4 country, it has become necessary to have Emergency Response
5 Plans at the national and local levels of government; and

6 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has made the
7 commitment to make certain that awareness and training takes
8 place in responding to those emergencies; and

9 WHEREAS, In an effort to increase awareness about emergency
10 preparedness activities, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
11 instituted an initiative entitled Emergency Response Team. the
12 Emergency Response Team initiative includes programming and
13 training that is supported by its collegiate and alumnae
14 members on local, regional, and national levels; and

15 WHEREAS, The mission of the Delta Emergency Response Team
16 is to: increase awareness about emergency preparedness
17 activities; provide structure and systematic training for the
18 memberships's Readiness, Response, and Recovery efforts;
19 provide effective and immediate communication strategies to
20 facilitate and aid preparedness and response; provide steps for
21 early response and efficient recovery; and to provide resource
22 support and guidance for sorority members and the communities

1 impacted by natural or man-made disasters; and

2 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. emphasizes the
3 importance of securing the safety and well-being of senior
4 citizens through ensuring that its Delta Dears receive
5 resources and support from local chapters; Delta Sigma Theta
6 Sorority, Inc. recognizes Delta Dears as members who are 62
7 years and older that have displayed dedication to upholding the
8 ideals and traditions of the sorority; Delta Sigma Theta
9 Sorority, Inc. has partnered with AARP Illinois to execute this
10 initiative and to ensure that the organization continues to
11 remain focused on the needs of senior citizens in the
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will be holding
14 an "Emergency Response Weekend" the weekend of September 11,
15 2015 that will include activities to highlight the importance
16 of being trained in the event of a natural disaster or state of
17 emergency; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the weekend
20 of September 11, 2015 as "Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
21 Emergency Response Weekend"; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as an expression
2 of our esteem and respect.