

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., is an international service organization founded on January 16, 1920 at Howard University on the precepts of Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood; and



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WHEREAS,

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Kappa Iota Zeta was chartered in 1980 as a graduate chapter committed to the Sorority's founding precepts, this chapter is often recognized for its innovative programming and multifaceted community service initiatives; and



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WHEREAS,

in 1994, Jacqueline Ward Williams, former president of Kappa Iota Zeta Chapter, envisioned a program that would pay homage to Zeta member, noted author, playwright, and anthropologist, Zora Neale Hurston; and



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WHEREAS,

Ms. Ward-Williams suggested that an afternoon tea event highlighting the contributions of Zora Neale Hurston, would be the ideal program, and Zeta members, Erma Killings and Sandra Harris, created the official name of the event, A Tea with Z, with the Z interchangeably representing Zora & Zeta; and



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WHEREAS,

each year, this chapter hosts its annual tea, which encompasses literary scholars and performing artists from the community to share their talents in tribute to Zora Neale Hurston; the tea occasion consists of traditional elegant tea-fare, scholarship award presentations, and the ever popular "Hat-titude" Competition; and



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WHEREAS,

this year marks the 30th Anniversary of Tea with Z, which will be held at the Carlos Ballroom at Savanna Hall – Zoo Atlanta; the event theme is *We Are Zora: Social, Health, & Economic Justice Now!*; in addition, Kappa Iota Zeta will honor impactful community leaders with the Spirit of Zora Awards;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the 30th Anniversary of A Tea with Z, and the importance of scholarship for college bound scholars in our community, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, February 23, 2025, as "**A TEA WITH Z APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



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Fulton County Board of Commissioners

A blue ink signature of the Chair to the Commission.

Chair to the Commission

Attest:

A blue ink signature of the Clerk to the Commission.

Clerk to the Commission

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