

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

HONORING THE BETA PI SIGMA DURHAM ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY INCORPORATED ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 75TH CHARTER DAY

- WHEREAS,** the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized on April 13, 1951, at the home of Soror Narviar Coward in Durham, North Carolina, by Soror Annie Neville of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Regional Syntaktes, with the assistance of Sorors Lucille B. Davis and Ruth V. Whitworth; and
- WHEREAS,** the chapter was founded upon the principles of true sisterhood and dedicated community service, with a strong emphasis on uplifting youth and strengthening the Durham community; and
- WHEREAS,** during the organization of the chapter, Soror Annie Neville affirmed that community service and genuine sisterhood are the foundational pillars of Sigma Gamma Rho, a charge that continues to guide the chapter’s mission and impact; and
- WHEREAS,** the eleven charter members established a lasting legacy of leadership, collaboration, and service that has positively influenced generations of youth, families, and residents throughout Durham County; and
- WHEREAS,** for seventy-five years, the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated has remained committed to advancing education, youth development, civic engagement, and community service through impactful programs, mentorship initiatives, scholarships, and partnerships serving Durham County and Orange County; and
- WHEREAS,** April 13, 2026, marks the 75th Charter Day of the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated, representing a significant milestone in its history of service, leadership, and community empowerment; and
- WHEREAS,** the Durham County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated for its unwavering commitment to uplifting youth, strengthening families, and enhancing the quality of life for residents throughout the community since its establishment in 1951.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Durham County Board of Commissioners hereby commends and honors the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated on the occasion of its 75th Charter Day and expresses sincere appreciation for its longstanding service, leadership, and positive impact within Durham County and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Durham County Board of Commissioners joins in celebrating this historic milestone and encourages all residents to recognize and support the continued mission and community work of the Beta Pi Sigma Durham Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated.

This the 13th day of April 2026.

Dr. Mike Lee, Chair

Nida Allam, Vice Chair

Michelle Burton, Commissioner

Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

Stephen Valentine, Commissioner

