

1 Introduced by Council Member Newby and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Hazouri, DeFoor, Freeman, Morgan and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2020-41**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING ZETA PHI  
7 BETA AND PROCLAIMING JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> AS ZETA DAY;  
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS**, on January 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard  
11 University in Washington D.C., five African American women pledged  
12 to offer other women the opportunity to excel in Scholarship,  
13 Service, and Sisterhood, while exhibiting the attributes of Finer  
14 Womanhood and established the first chapter of Zeta Phi Beta  
15 Sorority, Inc.; and

16 **WHEREAS**, since inception, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., has  
17 expanded into an international sorority with more than 600 chapters  
18 abroad. The Sorority's programs are opportunities to transform  
19 communities while serving women, children, veterans, men, and the  
20 elderly. One of the Sorority's international outreach programs is  
21 Z-HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel) designed to enhance,  
22 cultivate and empower participants from all walks of life to  
23 develop and promote healthy lifestyle choices across their  
24 lifespan; and

25 **WHEREAS**, in 1943, Mamie Lucille Butler, Alpha Hayes Moore, and  
26 three others returned to Jacksonville from different Historically  
27 Black Colleges and initiated a request from the national executive  
28 board for permission to establish a graduate chapter. Thus, the  
29 Beta Alpha Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was chartered  
30 on April 12, 1944. The Beta Alpha Zeta Chapter became the first  
31 local African American Sorority to own a sorority house that served

1 as a community center. The sorority house and Zeta Park are located  
2 at 3805 Moncrief Road in the Northwest quadrant of Jacksonville.  
3 Also, the Beta Alpha Zeta Chapter became the first sorority to own  
4 and operate a child development center, first to open a Stork's  
5 Nest, and first to charter an Amicae. The Stork's Nest is an  
6 incentive program designed to promote prenatal care participation  
7 and encourage healthy behaviors during pregnancy to women in low-  
8 income households. Amicae is an auxiliary established for special  
9 friends of the Sorority that exemplifies prestige, goodwill and  
10 cooperation among women; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2011, thirteen dedicated women  
12 chartered the Omega Zeta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,  
13 Inc., to primarily service the Southside and the Beaches areas in  
14 Jacksonville. The members are comprised of a dynamic group of women  
15 committed to active engagement in service, charity, scholarship,  
16 civic and cultural endeavors, as well as economic and community  
17 development initiatives. The Omega Zeta Zeta Chapter represents the  
18 diversity of Zeta Phi Beta and the importance of opportunity,  
19 service, and expansion. Over the past eight years, this chapter has  
20 accepted the challenge to inspire and motivate others in the  
21 pursuit of finer womanhood; and

22 **WHEREAS**, over the past 100 years, the National Zeta Phi Beta  
23 Sorority, Inc., membership has increased to over 125,000 college-  
24 educated, dynamic, community service driven, diverse, and  
25 professional women. Each member continues to uphold the ideals of  
26 its Founders of Service, Scholarship, Sisterhood, and Finer  
27 Womanhood; now therefore

28 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

29 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and  
30 commends the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., on their centennial  
31 celebration and proclaims January 16<sup>th</sup> Zeta Day. We extend our best

