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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Elects National President, Beverly E. Smith

WASHINGTON – Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated announces Beverly Evans Smith as its newly elected National President. In a unanimous vote, the delegation in attendance at the 53rd National Convention in Las Vegas elected Smith as the National President Aug. 9, 2017. Smith will serve as the National President during the 2017 – 2019 biennium.

A seasoned Delta leader, Smith has an extensive history of serving the Sorority on local, regional and national levels. She has served on and chaired numerous committees nationally along with being certified as a Delta Internal Development and Membership Intake trainer. Smith also served as a committee chair on several Southern Region leadership teams, served on the 2000-2004 National Executive Board as chair of the Long Range Planning Task Force and was the coordinator for the 2002 National Convention, one of the largest, most profitable conventions in Delta's history. Most recently, she served as the National First Vice President and chair of the National Scholarship and Standards Committee (2013-2017), as well as National Secretary during the 2008-2013 administration. She is also the only elected officer to have had the opportunity to work as the Sorority's executive director (1988-90) managing the headquarters operation.

Her vision for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is of a sisterhood that actualizes the mantra "joy in our sisterhood... power in our voice... service in our heart." Smith has committed herself to leadership that is resourceful, relevant and relational and believes in the charge that says: "All good men and women must take responsibility to create legacies that will take the next generation to a level we could only imagine."

Smith was initiated into the Sorority through the Epsilon Omicron Chapter at Bowling Green State University in October 1967 and has been a dedicated member of the beloved sisterhood for 50 years. She is currently a member of the Marietta-Roswell (GA) Alumnae chapter where she has been active for 30 years.

In her professional life, Smith is the assistant commissioner and Georgia State director for Adult Education and GED Testing through the Technical College System of Georgia. Georgia's Office of Adult Education administers the U.S. Department of Education state-wide Adult Education grants, provides adult education training programs for over 50,000 Georgia citizens, and supports local literacy action groups throughout the state. In addition, her office is responsible for the administration of all GED testing in Georgia. Serving Adult Education in a national capacity, Smith is the immediate past chair of the National Adult Education Professional



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Development Consortium/National Council of State Directors of Adult Education and has spoken before a U.S. Senate Committee representing the issues faced by adults with literacy challenges.

As an entrepreneur, Smith is also the senior vice-president of The HR Group, Inc., a management consulting firm which she has co-owned with her husband, Stephen, for 27 years. As a corporate manager, Smith spent 18 years in leadership positions with AT&T (Southern Bell) and has experience in the areas of strategic planning; organizational effectiveness, training; operations redesign and restructure; financial management; and human resources. As an educator with a master's degree in college student personnel administration, Smith was a college administrator at Kent State University (Ohio), Georgia State University, served as an Upward Bound Program Director and taught high school in Ohio.

A long term community volunteer, Smith has served as a board member for the Boy Scouts of America Atlanta Area Council and was the Cobb County Commission's appointee and chair of the Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration for eight years (2005-2013). She has been a co-chair for Leadership Cobb, served on the board of directors for Chattahoochee Technical College and the alumni board of trustees for Bowling Green State University (Ohio), where she chaired its strategic planning committee. Smith has also served on the boards of the Cobb County United Way and Girls Incorporated, holding committee chair positions on both boards. She is the recipient of many honors and awards including receiving an "Outstanding Achievement in Community Advocacy" award, being listed as a NW Georgia YWCA "Woman of Achievement," "Who's Who Among African Americans" and "Who's Who in the Southeast." In 2006, Smith was named a "History Maker" by The HistoryMakers, a national African-American historical directory.

Smith, a native of Massillon, Ohio, and her husband Stephen live in Marietta, Ga. and have been married for forty-six years. The Smiths have two married children: son Brian (Rashan Ali) Smith, daughter Stacy (Jason) Frazier, and five grandchildren.