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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Celebrates Health Care Reform

Members of Public Service Sorority Applaud President Obama and Congress for Passing Historic Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., applauds the United States Congress for passing the Patient Protection and Affordability Act that was signed into law today by President Obama. With more than 250,000 members, the 96-year old public service Sorority is the single largest African-American women’s organization in the country.

“The passage of the Patient Protection and Affordability Act is a historic and long-awaited moment in the history of this country,” said Butler-McIntyre. “Akin to legislation that brought about Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and Civil Rights, the passage of this legislation—which guarantees basic health care for every American—is a testament that the spirit of democracy in this country is alive and well.”

Since its inception in 1913, Delta Sigma Theta has been on the forefront of every major political and social movement in this country—the battle for health care reform was no different. Last week, Deltas throughout the country answered the call to contact their representatives in Congress in support of health care reform. After thousands of calls, emails and faxes, there was no doubt that their collective voice was heard.

“By taking action to right the wrongs of a flawed system,” said Butler-McIntyre, “Congress has taken the control of health care away from insurance companies and put it into the hands of the American people.”

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. Today Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has more than 250,000 members and nearly 1,000 chapters worldwide. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national programs.

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