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ACTION ALERT

FROM: Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, National President

TO: All Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

RE: Delta Sigma Theta “Red Alert” Days on Health Care (November 2-6, 2009)

As the health care debate heats up, it is time for us to use our collective voice to champion healthcare reform. Starting November 2, 2009, I want every member of Delta Sigma Theta to participate in Delta Sigma Theta “Red Alert” Days. During this time, we will lift every voice and say “HEALTH CARE REFORM NOW!” Please take the time during Delta Sigma Theta “Red Alert” Days (November 2-6, 2009) to take two very important steps.

Step 1: Call your U.S. Senators and member of the House of Representatives to let them know that you are a voting constituent and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. who supports health care reform that:

- **Provides a public health insurance option for the un- and underinsured.** With the steadily increasing costs in the current health care system, Americans, particularly in the African-American community, are often forced to choose between prescriptions and groceries.
- **Eliminates extra charges for preventative care.** Many of the chronic diseases that are pilfering our community can be prevented with affordable preventative services.
- **Reduces gender discrimination.** In a recent report, the National Women's Law Center found that women - both young and middle-aged - pay dramatically more in most states for individual health insurance than men.
- **Protects Americans against abuse and fraud.** An independent commission of medical experts should be created to identify waste, fraud and overcharging in the health care system.
- **Provides comprehensive HIV/AIDS services.** Mandate adequate, low cost services for patients battling HIV/AIDS, a disease that disproportionately impacts the African-American community.

Step 2: Go to the Social Action Center at www.deltasigmatheta.org and select the HEALTH CARE REPORT and let us know that you have taken action.

To find your senators and representative, go to www.congress.org and enter your zip code into the “Get Involved” tool. If you have any questions, please contact Soror Candi Mundon, Public Policy Specialist, at 202-986-2400 ext. 557 or cmundon@deltasigmatheta.org.

I would like to thank Sorors Gwendolyn E. Boyd and Patricia Lattimore, Co-Chairs, National Social Action Commission, for their leadership on this endeavor. I want to also thank our sister and past national president, Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge for her action and leadership in developing this initiative. She is truly a leader with a servant’s heart. Additionally, I would like to thank past national president Mona Humphries Bailey for reminding us to keep this issue in the forefront of our thoughts.

I know that as leaders and agents of change in your chapters and community, you are already involved in numerous activities, but please take the time to support this effort. The health and livelihood of future generations depends on the action that we take today. Thank you in advance for making this endeavor a success!