



## DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

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### One-Year Anniversary of Charlottesville and Unite Right Statement

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. continues to take a stand against bigotry, racial hatred and injustice in the United States. We condemn the “Unite the Right” rally scheduled for this Sunday, August 12, 2018, in Washington, D.C, along with its supporters, who are determined to turn back the hands of time. Instead, we call on all Americans to join our efforts to promote peace that will bring change to our society and to ensure that the Declaration of Independence’s solemn proclamation that “All Men are Created Equal” applies to every citizen rather than a self-selected few.

On this one-year anniversary of the Charlottesville, Virginia protest, we honor Heather Heyer, the 32-year-old woman killed when a car plowed through the group of counter protesters of the white supremacist rally. Her mother has created a foundation in her name to keep her legacy for peace and social justice alive. Let’s make a similar commitment today that we will be the voice for the voiceless; fight any injustice that plague our community and take a stance against hatred and bigotry.

As the largest predominately African-American Greek letter organization -founded on Christian principles - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is committed to the vision of an America that promotes freedom for all. Let us not forget that we live in a unified nation whose promise of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” must not be set aside by those who choose to divide us with bigotry and hate.

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