



# DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

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## **Statement from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Regarding the Impact of Hurricane Florence on the Carolinas**

Dear Sorors,

The Sorority has been in regular communication with our South Atlantic Regional Director, Juanita B. Massenburg, to receive updated information on Hurricane Florence and her effect on that region of the country. Based on the information she provided, Hurricane Florence has caused power outages, significant flooding, rain, and wind damage to North Carolina and South Carolina, with no reported damages in the Commonwealth of Virginia and Bermuda. Many sorors were under mandatory evacuations but were able to seek shelter elsewhere with their families and/or friends.

The following cities in North Carolina that are currently experiencing significant flooding are: Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Jacksonville, Lumberton, Washington-Plymouth, New Bern and Wilmington.

In South Carolina, the cities impacted are Bennettsville-Cheraw, Beaufort, Summerville, Monks Corner, Charleston, Conway, Georgetown, Marion-Dillon, Chesterfield, Hartsfield and Hilton Head.

We are saddened that there are deaths associated with Hurricane Florence, but there are no reported deaths or injuries of our sorors or their families at this time. It may be days before an assessment is performed of the devastation to homes and properties, and as sorors return to their homes more information will be provided on what help may be needed. As has been our practice in the past, we will work with our Regional Director to identify those sorors who require our assistance.

Contributions to this effort may be made via DREF, the only authorized vehicle designated to collect and distribute relief funds for the Sorority. The DST Disaster Relief Fund, in collaboration with DREF, is a trusted source that is accessible by visiting DREF's website: [www.deltafoundation.net](http://www.deltafoundation.net). There you can sign up, make a one-time donation today, and also pledge your tax deductible recurring gift. Please indicate DSTDR (DST Disaster Relief) in the comment section.

Please continue to keep all of our sorors and their families in the South Atlantic Region in your thoughts and prayers.

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