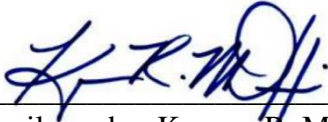
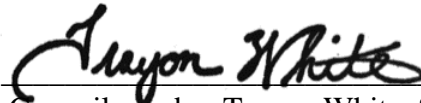
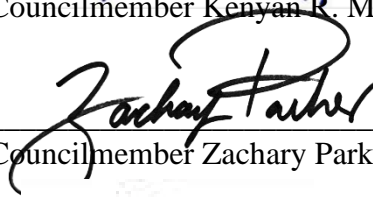


1 

2 Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

3 

4 Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

5 

6 Councilmember Zachary Parker

7 

8 Councilmember Robert White

9 

10 Councilmember Anita Bonds

11 

12 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

21  
22  
23 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

24  
25  
26 To recognize and honor Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated for 60 years of brotherhood  
27 and service.

28  
29 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated, an international social service  
30 organization, was founded on the campus of Morgan State University in 1963, at the height of  
31 the Civil Rights Movement;

32  
33 WHEREAS, the first undergraduate chapter of Iota Phi Theta in the District of Columbia  
34 was established at the University of the District of Columbia in 1971, and received a charter as  
35 the Fraternity's eighth undergraduate chapter;

36  
37 WHEREAS, the second graduate chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated, was  
38 established in the District of Columbia in 1970, and received a charter as the Beta Omega  
39 Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated;

40  
41 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated's purpose is the development and  
42 perpetuation of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, fidelity, and brotherhood among men;

43  
44 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated has grown to include over 75,000  
45 members and 300 chapters throughout the United States, Asia, and the Bahamas.

46

47 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta is the youngest amongst the group of African-American  
48 social service organizations commonly referred to as the *Divine Nine*;

49  
50 WHEREAS, the Beta Omega Graduate Chapter of Iota Phi Theta established a 501c3  
51 non-profit organization in the District of Columbia, Beta Omega Social Services, Incorporated,  
52 in 2013;

53  
54 WHEREAS, Beta Omega Social Services has partnered with District entities and private  
55 corporations, including the Office of Out of School Time and the Department of Human Services  
56 to provide educational, nutrition, academic and career development services to citizens of the  
57 District of Columbia, and to communities East of the River in particular;

58  
59 WHEREAS, Beta Omega Social Services provides youth programming, including  
60 college scholarships, STEM education services, and mentorship in District of Columbia Public  
61 and Charter Schools including Ketcham Elementary School, Drew Elementary School, Bard  
62 High School, Eastern High School, Ron Brown High School, Dunbar High School, and  
63 Roosevelt High School;

64  
65 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta is currently in its 23<sup>rd</sup> administration under the leadership and  
66 programmatic agenda of international Polaris Dr. Sean Housen Sr.;

67  
68 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc., has partnered with the Administration for  
69 Community Living and the United States Department of Health and Human Services , and the  
70 National Council on Aging to support access to critical vaccines for seniors and persons with  
71 health impairment or health conditions through its *Five Star Vaccine Program*;

72  
73 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta's *Good Health Wins Campaign*, a partnership with the  
74 National Council of Negro Women, addresses health disparities and supports increases access to  
75 vaccines and community health resources;

76  
77 WHEREAS, the year 2023 marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of Iota Phi Theta  
78 Fraternity, Incorporated;

79  
80 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
81 resolution may be cited as the "Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated 60th Anniversary  
82 Recognition Resolution of 2023".

83  
84 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates Iota Phi Theta Fraternity,  
85 Incorporated for 60 years of brotherhood and service, and especially recognizes the Beta  
86 Omega Graduate Chapter, its non-profit subsidiary, Beta Omega Social Services,  
87 Incorporated, and the various undergraduate chapters that have been active in the District  
88 since 1970.

89  
90 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
91 the District of Columbia Register.