



Huntsville, Alabama

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Resolution recognizing Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., an organization built on a foundation of unity, awareness, and community impact, with a steadfast commitment to serving the City of Huntsville.

Resolution No.

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Additional Comments: N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to formally recognize Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., an organization built on a foundation of unity, awareness, and community impact, with a steadfast commitment to serving the City of Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., on January 9, 1914, and is grounded in the enduring principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service, guided by the motto, "*Culture for Service and Service for Humanity*," reflecting a longstanding legacy of dedication to empowering communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Huntsville chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has maintained a meaningful presence within the City of Huntsville since its founding in 1948 by Dr. Vivian Murray Chambers and Brother Homer McCraw, with charter members including Dr. Leon Bonner and Dr. L. M. Donaldson, and continues to uphold their legacy through sustained and impactful service; and

WHEREAS, the Huntsville chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. actively engages in numerous impactful initiatives that serve the community at large, including raising awareness and support for breast cancer research through the **12th Annual Pink Ribbon Ball**; assisting with Saturday grocery distributions and providing breakfast to 150–225 or more families in partnership with **House of Harvest**; supplying meals to families in need during the Thanksgiving season through **Project Gobble Gobble**; speaking with students about roles in workforce development for the **New Century High School STEM Engagement** initiative; and providing monetary support for student STEM projects at New Century High School; and

WHEREAS, the chapter further extends its community outreach through additional initiatives, including food donations to the **Patricia Haley Charity**; participation in the **Salvation Army Angel Tree program**; support of **Coats and Cans for Kids** and the **Belk National Fundraiser**. The chapter also maintains its **Blue Santa** initiative, which for more than fifteen years has provided holiday gifts to disadvantaged families, as well as, the adoption of James I. Dawson Elementary School, named in honor of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. member James I. Dawson, through which the chapter delivers mentorship and leadership development to students; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2026, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. will celebrate its 112th anniversary, marking more than a century of historic legacy, enduring presence, and meaningful contributions to communities nationwide and within the City of Huntsville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville do hereby honor and congratulate Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for many great years of service, dedication, and positive impact within the city. Organizations such as Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. strengthen communities and enhance the quality of life of many. The

City of Huntsville expresses its sincere appreciation for the fraternity's lasting commitment and looks forward to many more years of meaningful impact by the chapter.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of January, 2026.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 8th day of January, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama