

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 192**

1 A resolution to declare November 12, 2019, as Sigma Gamma Rho
2 Sorority, Incorporated Founders' Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated was founded on
4 the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, and is
5 the first and only historically black sorority established at a
6 predominately white institution; and

7 Whereas, On November 12, 1922, the seven educators who founded
8 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, Mary Lou Allison Gardner
9 Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian Irene White Marbury,
10 Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae Annette Dulin Redford, Bessie
11 Maw Downey Rhoades Martin, and Cubena McClure, envisioned an
12 organization for African American women steeped in the bounds of



1 sisterhood dedicated to uplifting the community through community
2 service, education, civil, and social action; and

3 Whereas, This organization of diverse professional women is
4 dedicated to the encouragement and promotion of high scholastic
5 attainment, community service, and improved quality of life through
6 its chapters, and over 85,000 members and affiliates located
7 throughout the United States, Korea, Bermuda, Africa, Bahamas,
8 Canada, the Caribbean, Germany, and United Arab Emirates; and

9 Whereas, Through programing, education, and advocacy, Sigma
10 Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated has become a leading national
11 service organization working to address socioeconomic issues that
12 impact our communities in the U.S. and globally through programs
13 such as Swim 1922, Project Cradle Care, Wee Savers, Operation Big
14 Bookbag, and our annual Youth Symposium; and

15 Whereas, The central region is home to chapters serving
16 Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri,
17 Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and
18 Wisconsin, in addition to the Canadian divisions of Windsor,
19 Ontario and west to Saskatchewan, Baffin Islands, Greenland,
20 Iceland, Queen Elizabeth Islands, and Germany; and

21 Whereas, Over 18 Sigma Gamma Rho chapters are located on
22 college and university campuses and have active alumnae chapters
23 throughout the state of Michigan who lend their time and talents to
24 enrich and enhance the fabric of our state; and

25 Whereas, Rep. Leslie Love is the first member of Sigma Gamma
26 Rho to serve in the Michigan House of Representative and the only
27 member currently serving in the 100th Legislature; now, therefore,
28 be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

1 this legislative body declare November 12, 2019, as Sigma Gamma Rho
2 Sorority, Incorporated Founders' Day in the state of Michigan. We
3 further commemorate the 97th anniversary of Sigma Gamma Rho
4 Sorority, Incorporated; and be it further

5 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
6 national headquarters for Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated.