

Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., founded in 1914 at Howard University, has for more than 111 years uplifted communities worldwide through its steadfast commitment to the principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by the motto “Culture for Service and Service to Humanity,” the fraternity has made significant contributions in the areas of education, business, social action, and civic engagement—positively impacting countless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, For more than a century, the distinguished men of Phi Beta Sigma have demonstrated unwavering leadership and service through signature programs emphasizing Bigger and Better Business, Education, and Social Action, enriching communities locally, nationally, and globally; and

WHEREAS, Members of Phi Beta Sigma have demonstrated leadership in addressing social injustices, promoting educational equity, supporting economic advancement, and building strong community partnerships across the globe; and

WHEREAS, The annual observance of Founders’ Day on January 9 provides an opportunity to honor the enduring legacy of the fraternity’s founders, celebrate its profound achievements, and recognize the continued contributions of its members to community uplift and public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth T. Welch, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, do hereby declare Friday, January 9, 2026, as

Phi Beta Sigma Founders’ Day

in St. Petersburg and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. to our city, state, nation, and the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 15th day of January 2026.



Kenneth T. Welch
Mayor