



ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED CALLS FOR PROTEST THROUGH SOCIAL ACTION

As a leading international women's service organization with a 94-year commitment to the advancement of our communities, Zetas worldwide pray for peace and healing, not only in Ferguson, Missouri, Staten Island, New York, and Cleveland, Ohio, but also all across our nation.

We recognize that the events surrounding the senseless killing of African-American boys and men in U.S. cities, both near and far, point to a series of systemic issues that exist in our communities. While we cannot change the past, we can and will create a better tomorrow. Our children and our communities deserve to live without fear.

Our sorority member, Elisabeth Omilami, daughter of civil rights leader Hosea Williams, reminds us that "we must remain non-violent in our protesting, but we must continue to protest." As Zetas, our protest *must* come in the form of action.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, a community-conscious, action-oriented organization, will lead by example.

Leaders within Zeta with expertise in law, law enforcement, political engagement, and youth development have crafted a national civic engagement program entitled "Get Engaged," which will be released to Zeta's chapters on December 22, 2014. "Get Engaged" will be implemented by the chapters in early 2015 and beyond. Zeta stands committed to fostering citizen engagement and strengthening relationships among the community, elected officials, law enforcement, and educators.

To my sorors, let's show the world what women driven by purpose can do to drive life-saving change. Get involved and get engaged – because all lives matter.

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