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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Sheryl Brissett Chapman Ed.D., LHD, ACSW who retired on March 31, 2024, after more than 50 years as a dedicated social worker and 33 years in the role of Executive Director of The National Center for Children and Families.

WHEREAS, Dr. Chapman with vision and determination transformed a small Baptist orphanage serving only 62 people a year, into a regional powerhouse with 24 programs, serving over 54,000 vulnerable children, youth, and families annually in the District, Maryland, and Virginia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Chapman’s strategic leadership grew the National Center for Children and Families to 14 program locations, over 300 staff members, and a budget of \$51 million;

WHEREAS, Dr. Chapman is a thought leader and expert in child, youth, and family welfare and service delivery models, including juvenile justice, systems reform in child and family welfare, poverty and homelessness, childhood trauma, domestic violence, and cultural competency;

WHEREAS, Dr. Chapman always champions the most vulnerable among us and strives to include their voices and viewpoints in her vision; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chapman’s leadership style and open-door policy with staff and clients has inspired incalculable numbers of people to be focused on mission, practice, and evidence.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Dr. Sheryl Chapman Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the contributions of Dr. Sheryl Chapman to the District, Maryland, and Virginia through her decades of service as a social worker and the Executive Director of The National Center for Children and Families.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.