

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 19, 2013

To honor the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance on the occasion of its 42nd anniversary and to recognize the distinguished citizens and organizations to which it will pay tribute at its anniversary reception.

WHEREAS, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC (“GLAA”) was founded in April 1971 to advance the cause of equal rights for gay people in the District of Columbia through peaceful participation in the political process;

WHEREAS, GLAA ranks as the oldest continuously active gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender rights organization in the country;

WHEREAS, GLAA has long fought to improve District government services to GLBT people, from the police and fire departments to the Department of Health and the Office of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, GLAA played a key role in winning marriage equality in the District, working with coalition partners and District of Columbia officials to craft and implement a strategy for achieving a strong, sustainable victory;

WHEREAS, GLAA has participated in lobbying efforts to defeat undemocratic and discriminatory amendments to the District’s budget;

WHEREAS, GLAA has been an outspoken advocate for a safe and affirming educational environment for sexual minority youth;

WHEREAS, GLAA has educated District voters by rating candidates for Mayor and Council;

WHEREAS, GLAA has provided leadership in coalition efforts on a wide range of public issues, from family rights to condom availability in prisons and public schools to police

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accountability;

WHEREAS, GLAA maintains a comprehensive website of LGBT advocacy materials, as well as the GLAA Forum blog and the DCGayEtc news aggregator to enhance its outreach; and

WHEREAS, GLAA, at its 42nd Anniversary Reception on April 25, 2013, will present its Distinguished Service Awards to several individuals and organizations who have served the GLBT community in the District of Columbia: Diana Bruce, Clarence J. Fluker, Brent Minor, Peter Rosenstein, and Jason A. Terry.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance 42nd Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2013”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes GLAA on the occasion of its 42nd Anniversary Reception on April 25, 2013, and thanks its members for their long record of dedicated service that has advanced the welfare not only of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community, but of the entire population of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. The resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.