Councilmember Jim Graham

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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"EL SALVADOR INDEPENDENCE DAY & EL GUANACO DAY FESTIVAL RESOLUTION OF 2014"

To recognize September 15, 2014, which marks the 194th Independence of the Republic of El Salvador, and to honor this occasion and the role of Salvadorian nationals and immigrants for their economic vitality, development, diversity and rich cultural contributions in our city --- the nation's capital --- and around the D.C. Metropolitan Area of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, September 15, 1821 is the independence and proclamation of the sovereignty of El Salvador; and, marks this nation's 194th Independence anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Salvadorian community is the largest Latino group concentrated in the D.C. Metropolitan Area; and, stands as the second largest concentration of Salvadorians living in the diaspora.

WHEREAS, El Guanaco Festival celebrates this anniversary with its Third Festival, which helps unite Salvadorians, Latin Americans and a wealth of all kinds of communities in our area by exposing the Salvadorian culture, folk, cuisine, arts, and more, which are part of their heritage and ours; and,

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as "El Salvador Independence Day & el Guanaco Day Festival Recognition Resolution of 2014".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates September 15TH as the Independence Day of El Salvador. And, in unity with Salvadorians, its

1   government, its visiting governmental representatives, Latin American families, El

2   Guanaco Day Festival organizers and participants of all sorts of events across the area,

3   we honor the contributions Salvadorians make every day to our city, the D.C.

4   Metropolitan Area and our nation.

5   Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in

6   the District of Columbia Register.