



Councilmember Jim Graham

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

“HOWARD THEATRE DAY RESOLUTION OF 2014”

To recognize the 104th Anniversary of the Howard Theatre in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, today is another historic moment in the District of Columbia where we are celebrating the 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the famous Howard Theatre located in Ward One; and

WHEREAS, the Howard Theatre opened in 1910 in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington, D.C. near the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & T Streets, NW, and was known as “the largest colored theatre in the world; and

WHEREAS, until its closing in the 1980’s, the Howard Theatre showcased some of the best known performers to include: Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Shirley Horn, Lena Horne, Billy Eckstine, Pearl Bailey, Motown and Stax Recording Stars, Petey Greene, Chuck Brown and the Soul Searchers, Dick Gregory, Redd Foxx, Moms Mabley and many, many more: and

WHEREAS, in 1974, the Howard Theatre was added to the National Register of Historic Places and after being closed for 30 years, the recently renovated Howard Theatre is back with first class productions of concerts, private events and a weekly sold out Sunday brunch;

1 WHEREAS, the Howard Theatre Restoration, Inc. (HTR) is the nonprofit organization  
2 that led the collaborative effort along with the District of Columbia and other private  
3 entities to bring the life, the music, and the people back to the legendary Howard Theatre.

4 WHEREAS, since the theatre's rebirth, April 2012, the Howard Theatre has presented  
5 over 800 concerts and special events to include, the Grand Opening Gala and Second  
6 Anniversary Gala. Artists who have performed and been honored during these stellar  
7 events include, Berry Gordy, George Duke, Terri Lynne Carrington, Al Jarreau, Yolanda  
8 Adams, Stephanie Mills, Bebe Winans, Dianne Reeves, Dionne Warwick, Valerie  
9 Simpson, Chaka Khan, Sheila E., Raheem DeVaughn, Smokie Robinson, and the list  
10 goes on.

11 WHEREAS, this year HTR teamed up with AARP to present three fundraising concerts  
12 to involve the community at large; The mission of HTR is Preserve, Protect, and  
13 Proclaim the legacy and genius of the worlds's most influential form of cultural  
14 expression...the African American Entertainment Experience in the form of Gospel, Jazz,  
15 R&B, Hip Hop, and Classical Music;

16 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
17 Resolution may be cited as the "Howard Theatre 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition  
18 Resolution of 2014".

19 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Howard  
20 Theatre and hereby declares this day, August 22, 2014 as the "Howard Theatre 104<sup>th</sup>  
21 Anniversary Day" in the District of Columbia.

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