


Councilmember Anita Bonds

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4 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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6 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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8 To recognize and honor the Family and Medical Counseling Services, Inc.
9 (FMCS), a community health center located in the historic Anacostia neighborhood of
10 Southeast Washington, D.C., who is sponsoring a town hall discussion about the impact
11 of HIV/AIDS on the community as part of the observance of World Aids Day on
12 December 1, 2014.
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14 WHEREAS, FMCS is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) community health center
15 that has served residents in historic Anacostia and across the District with healthcare
16 since 1976;
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18 WHEREAS, FMCS has developed and delivered educational, prevention, and
19 treatment services to address the critical healthcare and social service needs of African
20 American communities;
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22 WHEREAS, In observance of World AIDS Day 2014, FMCS is sponsoring a
23 town hall discussion at Gateway DC/R.I.S.E. about "*The Impact of HIV/AIDS, Mental*
24 *Illness and Substance Abuse on Your Community—Successes and Challenges*";
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26 WHEREAS, This year's theme, "Focus, Partner, Achieve: An AIDS-free
27 Generation," underscores FMCS' commitment to educating all DC residents about the
28 best treatments, services, and prevention strategies for combating HIV/AIDS, mental
29 illness, substance abuse and other co-occurring health issues confronting residents living
30 in poverty or at-risk for HIV;
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32 WHEREAS, Case studies reveal that more than 16,000 DC residents or 2.5% of
33 the population are living with HIV thereby exceeding the World Health Organization's
34 definition of 1% as a severe epidemic and since 2008, there has been a 70% decrease in
35 new infections as a result of FMCS programs;
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1 WHEREAS, in 2010, FMCS expanded to become a federally qualified health
2 center prompting an expansion in its outreach and approach;

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4 WHEREAS, FMCS is a federally qualified health center being celebrated as a
5 center of innovation through the creation of cutting edge educational programs such as
6 HIV testing in non-traditional community sites such as the Department of Motor Vehicles
7 and the Economic Securities Administration;

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9 WHEREAS, Since its incorporation in 1976, FMCS has grown from a public
10 welfare focused staff of four social workers to a culturally competent staff of 70 in 2014
11 offering a full range of services from primary care to support services and;

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13 WHEREAS, The FMCS' motto, "Quality Health Care from the Cradle to the
14 Grave," expresses its care and concern for the total person living a full creative life;

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16 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that
17 this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Family Medical Counseling
18 Services Inc. Recognition Resolution of 2014".

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20 Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first day of
21 publication in the District of Columbia Register.