

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

22-446

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 4, 2018

To recognize and celebrate the 10th anniversary of the District of Columbia being named the first Human Rights City.

WHEREAS, a Human Rights City is one whose residents and local authorities, through ongoing discussions and creative exchanges of ideas, come to understand that human rights, when widely known as a way of life, assist in identifying the issues and inform the actions in our District of Columbia communities, for meaningful, positive economic and social change;

WHEREAS, December 10, 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, December 10, 2018 marks the 10th anniversary of the Washington, DC Human Rights Day Recognition Resolution of 2008;

WHEREAS, on this day, citizens of the nation's capital reaffirm their commitment to human rights values;

WHEREAS, as a Human Rights City, the District of Columbia was the first to lead 10 other cities to be declared human rights cities and one state to be declared a human rights state, and joined cities around the world in providing leadership and advocacy to secure, protect, and promote human rights for all people; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Public Schools has partnered with the American Friends Service Committee to create courses that teach our students about human rights values, increase their knowledge and understanding of human rights, and empower them to become educated and engaged citizens.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia 10th Anniversary Human Rights Recognition Resolution of 2018".

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia recognizes the 10th anniversary of being named a Human Rights City and reaffirms its commitment to human rights in the District and throughout the world.

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