


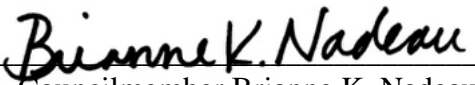
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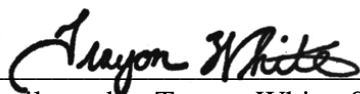
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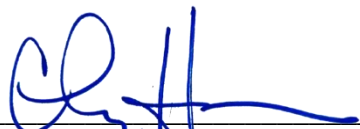
  
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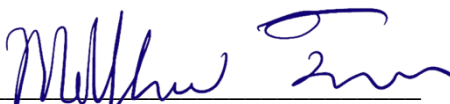
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43 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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45 To recognize and honor the LGBTQ+ communities of the District of Columbia, to express the  
46 commitment of the District of Columbia Government to supporting and protecting

47 LGBTQ+ people, to condemn anti-LGBTQ+ legislation and other acts of prejudice, to  
48 commemorate Capital Pride 2023, and to celebrate the Capital Pride Alliance for  
49 organizing this annual event.  
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51 WHEREAS, the theme for Capital Pride 2023 is “Peace, Love, Resolution”, which will  
52 celebrate the remarkable passion, inclusion, and diversity within the LGBTQ+ communities in  
53 the District of Columbia;  
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55 WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in the District of Columbia have spent many decades  
56 organizing and advocating for their rights and needs, building enduring communities, and  
57 challenging themselves and others to pursue equity and inclusivity in many forms;  
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59 WHEREAS, the vision and perseverance of LGBTQ+ people in the District of Columbia  
60 has generated important political breakthroughs in local policy, such as the prohibition of  
61 discrimination based on gender identity or expression beginning in 2005;  
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63 WHEREAS, the contributions of LGBTQ+ people in the District of Columbia have  
64 repeatedly generated meaningful progress in movements for LGBTQ+ people nationwide;  
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66 WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people and communities continue to face violence, oppression,  
67 and erasure in the District of Columbia on the basis of their genders and sexualities, especially  
68 where they intersect with other marginalized identities;  
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70 WHEREAS, demagogues and political opportunists across the United States have  
71 intensified their efforts to harm LGBTQ+ people and eradicate LGBTQ+ communities, including  
72 by prohibiting inclusive and age-appropriate education on gender, sexuality, history, and the arts;  
73 by denying people access to gender-inclusive health care; by imposing degrading and  
74 unscientific sex stereotypes on youth in sports and on public accommodations; and by recklessly  
75 propagating shameful, dehumanizing, and fascistic falsehoods against LGBTQ+ people;  
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77 WHEREAS, in the face of these unconscionable threats, the need for both dogged public  
78 manifestations of LGBTQ visibility and year-round political action remains as urgent as ever;  
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80 WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Festival will provide a full week of cultural, political,  
81 social, religious, athletic, and community service events from June 2 through June 11, 2023,  
82 which will offer an eclectic experience for all in attendance and will culminate in the Annual  
83 Capital Pride Parade on June 10<sup>th</sup> and a Capital Pride Concert on June 11<sup>th</sup>;  
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85 WHEREAS, Admiral Rachel Levin, the Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S.  
86 Department of Health and Human Services will be honored with the “Paving the Way” Award,  
87 and LGBTQ activist Earlene Budd will be honored with the “Super Hero” Award at this year’s  
88 Capital Pride Honors for their work on behalf of Capital Pride and the larger LGBTQ+  
89 community;  
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91 WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ communities of the District of Columbia have been a strong  
92 and positive force in the city and encompass people of every gender, race, age, and religion and

93 from every walk of life, as well as individuals who significantly contribute to the political, social,  
94 and cultural life of our LGBTQ+ community; and

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96 WHEREAS, this annual event reflects the hard work and dedication of the Capital  
97 Alliance Board of Directors and Production Team; event sponsors Marriott International, Live  
98 Casino and Hotel, Pepco, HOT 99.5, Capital One, Washington Blade, Whitman-Walker Health,  
99 Human Rights Campaign, and others; and hundreds of volunteers from across the Washington  
100 Metropolitan Region who make this legendary festival a success every year.

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102 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
103 resolution may be cited as the “48<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital Pride Festival Recognition Resolution of  
104 2023”.

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106 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes June 2023 as Pride Month and  
107 celebrates the contributions and work of LGTBQ+ people to making the District of Columbia a  
108 vibrant and inclusive city, commits itself to the ongoing protection and support of LGBTQ+  
109 people in the District of Columbia, and honors the Capital Pride Alliance and all who contribute  
110 to the success of Capital Pride 2023.

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