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23 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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27 To recognize the many and varied contributions that Anne McCutcheon Lewis has made to the
28 animals and cause of animal welfare in the District on the occasion of her retirement
29 from City Wildlife and the organization's 10th Anniversary.

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31 WHEREAS, Anne McCutcheon Lewis has tirelessly volunteered her time serving the
32 people and animals of the District of Columbia for decades, including serving as president and
33 board chair of the Washington Humane Society for many years, during which time the
34 organization greatly increased its capacity to help District residents and animals by expanding
35 the staff and budget, professionalizing its humane law enforcement capabilities, strengthening its
36 relationships with the District of Columbia government, and building a low-cost spay/neuter
37 clinic for cats and dogs;

38 WHEREAS, under Anne McCutcheon Lewis’s tenure as president of the Washington
39 Humane Society the District Council passed The Freedom from Cruelty to Animals Protection
40 Amendment Act of 2000 to enhance the welfare of animals in the District;

41 WHEREAS, Anne McCutcheon Lewis has provided a foster home and found permanent
42 homes for nearly 80 dogs from the District of Columbia animal shelter;

43 WHEREAS, Anne McCutcheon Lewis founded City Wildlife, the District’s first
44 nonprofit organization dedicated to the welfare of wild animals in the city;

45 WHEREAS, Anne McCutcheon Lewis became the very first licensed wildlife
46 rehabilitator in the District;

47 WHEREAS, Anne McCutcheon Lewis designed and opened City Wildlife’s wildlife
48 rehabilitation center in 2013;

49 WHEREAS, the wildlife rehabilitation center that Anne McCutcheon Lewis opened in
50 2013 is the first and, as of this date, only such facility in the District;

51 WHEREAS, Anne McCutcheon Lewis’s City Wildlife rehabilitation center has handled
52 over 15,500 animals, representing more than 130 different species, since it began taking patients
53 in 2013;

54 WHEREAS, Anne McCutcheon Lewis’s City Wildlife rehabilitation center has
55 responded to over 21,500 telephone calls from the public requesting help with wildlife;

56 WHEREAS, Anne McCutcheon Lewis established *Duck Watch*, a citizen science
57 program that each year helps dozens of duck families get their ducklings to water when they are
58 stranded on green roofs, in courtyards, or by busy streets;

59 WHEREAS, Anne McCutcheon Lewis established *Lights Out DC* to monitor areas in
60 downtown Washington, DC, for migratory birds who have collided with windows, rescuing the

61 live birds and cataloging the dead birds and donating them to the Smithsonian Institution and
62 other scientific organizations;

63 WHEREAS, Anne McCutcheon Lewis’s *Lights Out DC* program has collected more than
64 5,000 birds who have struck windows and used that data to support passage of the District’s
65 Migratory Local Wildlife Protection Act of 2022, which requires that most new commercial and
66 multi-family residential buildings, as well as renovations replacing more than 75 percent of the
67 glazing on such buildings, to employ bird friendly design features; and

68 WHEREAS, City Wildlife celebrates its 10th Anniversary serving as a protector and
69 advocate for wildlife and wildlife habitat in the District through rehabilitation for release, public
70 education, and community engagement.

71 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
72 resolution may be cited as the “Anne McCutcheon Lewis City Wildlife Retirement and 10th
73 Anniversary Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

74 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Anne McCutcheon Lewis for her tireless
75 commitment to animal welfare and the District at large on the occasion of her retirement and the
76 10th Anniversary of City Wildlife.

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