



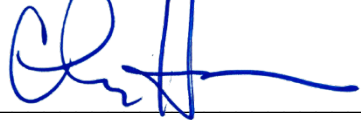
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32 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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37 To recognize and honor the life and accomplishments Linda Harlee Harper.

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39 WHEREAS, Linda Harlee Harper was born and raised in Washington D.C. and was a
40 lifelong resident of the District who resided in Ward 4;

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42 WHEREAS, Linda Harlee Harper graduated from Jackson Reed High School, formally
43 known as Wilson Senior High School;

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45 WHEREAS, Linda Harllee Harper earned her Bachelor’s degree in business administration
46 from the University of The District of Columbia and earned her Master’s Degree in Counseling
47 psychology from Trinity Washington University;

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49 WHEREAS, Linda Harllee Harper married her husband Byron Harper on March 24th,
50 2005;

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52 WHEREAS, Linda Harllee Harper and Byron Harper welcomed their son Blake Harper on
53 September 30th, 2005;

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55 WHEREAS, Linda Harllee Harper began her career in public service in the District of
56 Columbia as a Substance Abuse Prevention Officer at the former Oak Hill Youth Center;

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58 WHEREAS, Linda Harllee Harper worked in both the public sector and non-profit sector
59 throughout her career as an advocacy leader for the reform of the District of Columbia Juvenile
60 Justice System;

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62 WHEREAS, Linda Harllee Harper helped lead the effort to help establish the New
63 Beginning Youth Center to create a more restorative and rehabilitation focused center for the
64 Districts Youth Correctional Center;

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66 WHEREAS, Linda Harllee Harper shared her vision of helping the youth of the District of
67 Columbia with public beyond her role in government on her radio show “Led By Love”;

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69 WHEREAS, Linda Harllee Harper’s leadership in working to create safer communities for
70 District residents led her to hold multiple leadership roles within the District of Columbia
71 government including Deputy Director of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, the
72 first Director of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention, and the Director of the Office of
73 Neighborhood Safety and Engagement;

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75 WHEREAS, Linda Harllee Harper’s leadership of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention
76 improved data collection and transparency around violent crime and advanced interagency
77 collaboration to strategically save thousands of lives in the District of Columbia;

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79 WHEREAS, Linda Harllee Harper has led the Office of Gun Violence Prevention since its
80 founding to have invested more than \$1.5 million in local community startup initiatives to better
81 resource District residents in solving and preventing gun violence in their own neighborhoods;

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83 WHEREAS, Linda Harllee Harper for her years of dedication to her community, family,
84 and friends of her home in the District of Columbia where she shared her passion of helping the
85 most vulnerable of the District community and worked to ensure that they were uplifted through
86 her work.

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88 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
89 resolution may be cited as the “Linda Harllee Harper Posthumous Ceremonial Recognition
90 Resolution of 2023”.

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Linda Harlee Harper for her years of dedication to the District of Columbia where she led a career of public service focused on helping the District's most vulnerable residents and solving the epidemic of gun violence.

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