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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2023

To recognize the contributions of the Washington Area Women’s Foundation and to declare October 11, 2023, as “Washington Area Women’s Foundation Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Washington Area Women’s Foundation celebrates its 25th year as an impactful organization working for economic prosperity of women and women of color in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Area Women’s Foundation was founded in April 1997 by Washington women who saw the need to address equity and advance economic empowerment among women and women of color in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, an invitation for afternoon tea soon became a movement that revolutionized the philanthropic sector and our community, ultimately transforming into what we know today as Washington Area Women’s Foundation. The WAWF has 3 impactful programs that support women and girls in the Washington Area; and

WHEREAS, the foundation hosts the Early Care and Education Funder’s Collaborative (ECEFC), to advance early care and education and connects funders and facilitates learning, action, and philanthropy. The ECEFC funds advocacy and grassroots organizations to increase the quality and capacity of and access to early care and education in the Washington, D.C. region; and

WHEREAS, women, girls, and gender-expansive youth of color are at a higher risk for safety concerns across the nation and, more specifically, in the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia areas, with girls 16 to 19 years of age being four times more likely to be victim-survivors of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the WAWF supports numerous organizations through the Stand Together Fund, launched in 2020 which is a catalyst for fostering a safer environment for this vulnerable population and focuses on physiological aggression perpetrated by an intimate partner and sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner;

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Washington Area Women’s Foundation Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Council determines to acknowledge and honor the Washington Area Women’s Foundation for dedicated support and action toward the advancement, safety, and economic inclusion of women, and those of color in the Washington Area, and in recognition of its 25th anniversary declares October 11, 2023 to be “Washington Area Women’s Foundation Day” in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.