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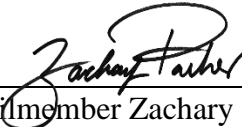

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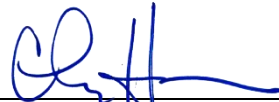
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36 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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40 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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44 To celebrate the annual 17th Street High Heel Race, a unique and beloved LGBTQ+ tradition in
45 the District of Columbia.
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47 WHEREAS, on October 31, 1986, a group of 25 drag performers and enthusiasts held an
48 informal contest that involved running from JR’s Bar down 17th Street, N.W., to Annie’s
49 Paramount Steakhouse, upstairs to the bar for a shot of schnapps, and back;

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51 WHEREAS, Clinton Winter’s victory was rewarded with a bottle of champagne and
52 immortal renown as the first ever winner of the 17th Street High Heel Race;

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54 WHEREAS, the 17th Street High Heel Race has become an annual tradition that brings
55 together thousands of lively participants and spectators of all genders and sexualities the week of
56 Halloween;

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58 WHEREAS, the race is also a cherished community celebration showcasing the diversity,
59 creativity, and vibrancy of members of the District’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer,
60 and other gender and sexual minority (LGBTQ+) communities;

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62 WHEREAS, in 2018, the District of Columbia Office of LGBTQ Affairs assumed
63 responsibility for organizing the annual 17th Street High Heel Race;

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65 WHEREAS, the Office suspended the annual race in 2020 due to the COVID-19
66 pandemic but resumed the race in 2021; and

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68 WHEREAS, on, the beloved tradition will continue to bring together drag artists of all
69 backgrounds to show off their dazzling outfits and colorful high heel shoes to race down historic
70 17th Street, N.W.

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72 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
73 resolution may be cited as the “17th Street High Heel Race Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

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75 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the 17th Street High Heel
76 Race and wishes each of the participants a speedy, vibrant, and safe race.

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