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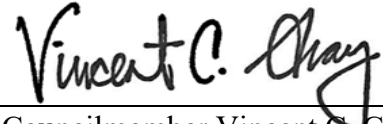
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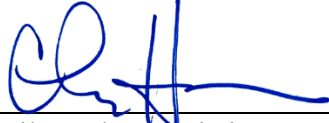
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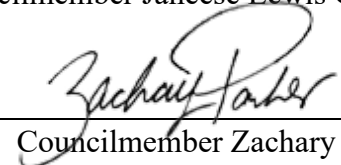
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Councilmember Zachary Parker

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize the Transgender Day of Remembrance and to celebrate the resilience of transgender individuals and communities, and to declare Monday, November 20, 2023, as Transgender Day of Remembrance in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the government of the District of Columbia has affirmatively and officially recognized the right of transgender people to live authentically and openly without the fear of discrimination or violence, as exemplified by the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression in 2005;

WHEREAS, the District nevertheless has a particularly alarming history of violence against transgender individuals including the murders of Zoe Spears, Ashanti Carmon, Deeniquia

39 Dodds, Deoni Jones, Lashai Mclean, Tyli’a Mack, Elexius Woodland, Bella Evangelista, Emonie
40 Spaulding, Stephanie Thomas, Ukea Davis, Taya Ashton, and too many others;

41 WHEREAS, bias, violence, and systemic oppression against transgender people remain
42 unacceptably prevalent, including in the District of Columbia;

43 WHEREAS, incarceration, homelessness, poverty, and addiction have a disproportionate
44 impact on transgender individuals, particularly transgender women of color, and persistently result
45 in loss of lives;

46 WHEREAS, violence against transgender people is fostered by the unprecedented wave of
47 laws across the country that discriminate against, stigmatize, and criminalize transgender people,
48 accompanied by ever-increasing hateful rhetoric against the transgender community;

49 WHEREAS, transgender people and their allies are pushing back against such
50 discriminatory laws, transphobic rhetoric, and hate violence;

51 WHEREAS, transgender people have the same human rights as all people to live free from
52 violence and discrimination, pursuing a life of joy, dignity, and aspirations for the future with
53 respect and love as any other person;

54 WHEREAS, transgender people in the District have long exhibited remarkable resilience
55 and bravery, including the organized response to the 1997 death of Tyra Hunter, a Black
56 transgender woman whom District employees failed to provide the life-saving treatment she
57 needed after determining she was transgender;

58 WHEREAS, since the 2022 Transgender Day of Remembrance, transgender people in the
59 District, and surrounding area, have continued to be murdered, including A’Nee Roberson, Skylar
60 Harrison Reeves, and Jasmine “Star” Parker, while misgendering by media and police may have
61 obscured additional instances of violence against transgender people in the region; and

62 WHEREAS, the transgender community and allies in the District have commemorated
63 Transgender Day of Remembrance since 2001 and communities and organizations here and around
64 the world will observe the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, 2023.

65 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
66 resolution may be cited as the “Transgender Day of Remembrance Recognition Resolution of
67 2023”.

68 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares November 20, 2023, as the
69 Transgender Day of Remembrance in the District of Columbia.

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