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5 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION  
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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15 To recognize the important role of the historic Eastern Market to Capitol Hill and the District,  
16 commemorate its 150th anniversary, and declare November 12, 2023 “Eastern Market  
17 Day” in the District of Columbia.  
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19 WHEREAS, Eastern Market is located at 225 7th Street, SE, between North Carolina  
20 Avenue, SE, and C Street, SE in Ward 6;  
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22 WHEREAS, Pierre L’Enfant’s original plans for the city of Washington purposefully  
23 designated space for local markets;  
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25 WHEREAS, Eastern Market was designed by German-born immigrant and architect Adolf  
26 Cluss, a renowned local architect of the time, City Engineer, and member of the Board of Public  
27 Works, who also designed the Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building;  
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29 WHEREAS, Eastern Market’s construction was completed on November 12, 1873;  
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31 WHEREAS, the original vendors sold meat, poultry, butter, vegetables, and oysters;  
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33 WHEREAS, in 1908, the Center and North Halls were added to the Market as Capitol  
34 Hill’s population grew;  
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36 WHEREAS, Eastern Market was designated a District of Columbia Historic Landmark in  
37 1964 and a National Historic Landmark in 1971;  
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39 WHEREAS, in 1999, the Council passed legislation to reform how Eastern Market would  
40 be managed, regulated, and improved, including by creating an Eastern Market Community  
41 Advisory Committee (“EMCAC”) to protect the Market and advocate for and advise on its  
42 management, operations, and budget;  
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44 WHEREAS, on April 30, 2007, Eastern Market experienced a devastating fire, which  
45 caused extensive damage to the building and the vendors’ shops;  
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47 WHEREAS, the EMCAC, Capitol Hill Community Foundation, then-Councilmember  
48 Tommy Wells, Mayor Adrian Fenty, the District government, and the community came together  
49 to rebuild the damaged market and restore its historic architectural features;  
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51 WHEREAS, Eastern Market reopened on June 26, 2009;  
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53 WHEREAS, for 150 years, Eastern Market has provided space for local and regional  
54 vendors to sell their wares to District residents and visitors;  
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56 WHEREAS, Eastern Market is one of the few historic public market buildings in the  
57 District, and it is the only one to retain its original public market function;  
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59 WHEREAS, Eastern Market’s indoor market operates from Tuesday to Saturday, 8am to  
60 6pm, and Sundays from 9am to 5pm;  
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62 WHEREAS, on the weekends, Eastern Market operates the outdoor Farmer’s Market and  
63 Arts and Crafts Market;  
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65 WHEREAS, Eastern Market houses incredible indoor vendors, including florists,  
66 cheesemongers, butchers, fruit and vegetable grocers, bakers, and delicatessens;  
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68 WHEREAS, Eastern Market’s open-air farmer’s market provides the best, freshest produce  
69 in the region, with most grown in rural Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia;  
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71 WHEREAS, Eastern Market’s weekend outdoor vendors offer wares both local and global,  
72 ranging from African art to locally-made children’s apparel, beauty products to vintage clothing,  
73 and jewelry to delicious food and drinks;  
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75 WHEREAS, in 2022, Councilmember Charles Allen brought together District government  
76 leadership, the EMCAC, vendor and artist representatives, Eastern Market and Barracks Row Main  
77 Streets, the Capitol Hill BID, Capitol Hill Village, neighbors, and market leadership to plan a year  
78 of events befitting Eastern Market’s important role in the life of the District; and  
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80 WHEREAS, the kick-off to celebrating the year of Eastern Market’s 150th anniversary will  
81 take place throughout the weekend of November 10th to 12th, 2023, and include living history  
82 impersonators, artists, cooking demonstrations, a fundraiser, a scavenger hunt, a ghost tour, and  
83 walking tours.  
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85 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
86 resolution may be cited as the “Eastern Market 150th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of  
87 2023”.  
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89 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes the important role of the historic Eastern Market to Capitol  
90 Hill and the District, commemorates its 150th anniversary, and declares November 12, 2023  
91 “Eastern Market Day” in the District of Columbia  
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93           Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
94 the District of Columbia Register.