

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 21, 2023

To recognize, honor, and celebrate the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees' accomplishments on its 50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees finds its roots in 1932 with the Pharmacists Union of Greater New York. In 1933, the union had its first strike, consisting of only one employee. As the union grew, so did the number of workers with each strike;

WHEREAS, in 1936 the Pharmacists Union of Greater New York joined the American Federation of Labor to become Local 1199. Local 1199 had a history of fighting for civil rights, being called Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's "favorite union" after donating financial aid to the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1954, demonstrating the union's long history of fighting for workers from all backgrounds;

WHEREAS, in November of 1973, the National Organization was formally established during its first Constitutional Convention and was renamed the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees to organize for the express purpose of organizing health care workers throughout the country;

WHEREAS, in October 1984, the National Union received a direct charter from the AFL-CIO and became the only health care union with such a charter;

WHEREAS, in 1989 the National Union affiliated with members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees to join the fastest growing union in the United States, forming the iteration of the union that we know today;

WHEREAS, to date, the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees has 11 districts throughout the country;

WHEREAS, the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees represents hospital and health care workers across the United States, fighting for better wages, working conditions and quality of life for health care workers in the union;

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WHEREAS, on Wednesday, November 15th, 2023, the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees will gather for its 24th NUHHCE Triennial Convention and to celebrate its 50th anniversary, marking 5 decades of fighting for civil rights, workers' rights and improving the health care system for all Americans by ensuring health care staff are properly treated and compensated;

WHEREAS, the DC Council recognizes that the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees serves as the backbone of our health care system, representing the dedicated professionals working tirelessly in the health care sector, and the paramount importance of their contributions to the well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the members of this esteemed union embody the values of compassion, dedication, and excellence in the provision of health care services, ensuring the welfare of patients and the broader public, and have been instrumental in addressing health care disparities by promoting inclusivity and championing diversity in health care organizations.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution be cited as the "National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees Recognition Resolution of 2023".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the hard work of everyone involved with the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, and the innumerable impacts that the union has had on the health care system.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.