
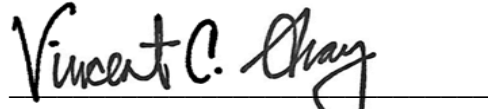


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24 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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26 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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31 To recognize and honor DC Central Kitchen on its 35th anniversary, and to declare January 20,  
32 2024 as “DC Central Kitchen Day” in the District.

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34 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen began operations in 1989 with the belief that food alone  
35 would never end hunger, but that food could be a powerful tool for strengthening bodies,  
36 empowering minds, and building communities;

37 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen’s Culinary Job Training Program has empowered  
38 residents with histories of homelessness, addiction, incarceration, trauma, and chronic  
39 unemployment to pursue meaningful careers in our community, producing more than 2,200 skilled  
40 graduates across 160 graduating classes;

41 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen has prepared 49 million nutritious, dignified meals for  
42 shelters, front-line nonprofits, and schools in the District;

43 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen has prevented the waste of 36 million pounds of perfectly  
44 safe, nutritious food and creatively transformed it into balanced meals for our community;

45 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen has hosted more than 150,000 community volunteers  
46 who have shown what our city can accomplish when we work side by side to solve problems;

47 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen has never missed a day of meal service in its 12,783 days  
48 of continuous operation;

49 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen provided more than 8 million meals in response to the  
50 COVID-19 pandemic in partnership with the DC Emergency Food Providers network, DC Food  
51 Policy Council, and District of Columbia Public Schools;

52 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen has served 11 million scratch-cooked, locally sourced  
53 meals to 30 District schools as a core partner of the DC Healthy Schools Act, winning the  
54 nationally coveted Golden Carrot Award in 2015 and Good Food Purchasing Program's Good  
55 Food Hero Award in 2019;

56 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen's Healthy Corners program has equipped more than 50  
57 small businesses in neighborhoods without easy access to grocery stores to stock and sell more  
58 than 2.3 million units of fresh, nutritious, affordable food to District residents while working to  
59 make Federal WIC benefits available at DC corner stores for the first time;

60 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen models the values of a mission-driven social enterprise  
61 by paying all employees a living wage, providing them with comprehensive health, retirement,  
62 and paid leave benefits, and sustainably earning more than half its annual budget through  
63 foodservice contracts;

64 WHEREAS, the success of DC Central Kitchen’s model has inspired the launch of more  
65 than 100 like-minded culinary training programs and social enterprises across the United States;

66 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen now creates \$76 million of measurable economic and  
67 social returns in the District each year from an award-winning new 36,000 square foot headquarters  
68 on Buzzard Point made possible with the support of the Council and the Government of the District  
69 of Columbia;

70 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen’s successes have been recognized by *The Atlantic*, *The*  
71 *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, *CNN*, *MSNBC*, *National Geographic*, *National Public Radio*,  
72 *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *PBS NewsHour*, *Nightline*, *No Reservations*, *The Wall Street*  
73 *Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *Washington Business Journal*, the DC Chamber of Commerce, the  
74 US Chamber of Commerce, the feature documentary *The Liberation*, and *Washington City Paper’s*  
75 Best DC Food Nonprofit Award;

76 WHEREAS, DC Central Kitchen will celebrate its 35th anniversary on January 20, 2024,  
77 commemorating its efforts to strengthen the District’s economy, broden prosperity, and defeat  
78 hunger and poverty in the region.

79 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
80 resolution may be cited as the "DC Central Kitchen 35th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of  
81 2023".

82 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors DC Central Kitchen  
83 on its 35th anniversary, and declares January 20, 2024 as “DC Central Kitchen Day” in the District.

84 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.