



Councilmember Charles Allen

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Barracks Row Main Street on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

WHEREAS, Barracks Row, which stretches along 8th Street, SE, from Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, to M Street, SE, is the oldest commercial corridor in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, in the early 1990s, local merchants founded the Barracks Row Business Alliance to revitalize the corridor after decades of neglect;

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Barracks Row Business Alliance and local residents worked with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street program to charter Barracks Row Main Street;

WHEREAS, Barracks Row Main Street was selected as one of the DC Office of Economic Development's first 5 official DC Main Streets programs;

WHEREAS, in 2005, Barracks Row Main Street was awarded the Great American Main Street Award by Main Street America;

WHEREAS, Barracks Row Main Street organizes festivals, promotions, and celebrations that increase business activity for merchants along the corridor and create unique experiences for residents, like First Fridays;

WHEREAS, Barracks Row Main Street has supported small and local businesses within its boundaries through grants for advertising, infrastructure, security, and other business needs;

WHEREAS, Barracks Row Main Street's Clean Team removes more than 8,500 bags of trash and recycling annually;

WHEREAS, Barracks Row Main Street's Façade Improvement Program has improved buildings through structural repairs, lighting, signage, and awnings;

WHEREAS, Barracks Row Main Street has partnered with the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington and the Department of Small and Local Business Development to train

47 businesses in food, alcohol, anti-harassment, and entrepreneurship best practices; and

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49 WHEREAS, through funding provided by the Council, Barracks Row Main Street has
50 helped activate the recently revitalized Eastern Market Metro Park with concerts, chess
51 tournaments, yoga, and many other special events.

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53 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
54 resolution may be cited as the "Barracks Row Main Street 25th Anniversary Recognition
55 Resolution of 2024".

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57 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Barracks Row Main
58 Street on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

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