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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize, honor, and celebrate the 30th anniversary of Neighbors' Consejo.

WHEREAS, Neighbors' Consejo was founded in a church basement in 1994 in Washington, D.C. by a group of residents concerned about rising homelessness and addiction, particularly alcoholism, in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood, and was officially incorporated in 1995, led by the original founding group as the first board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Neighbors' Consejo prioritized the delivery of free mental health and community support services in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner, ensuring access to those unaware of available support, including members of the Latino community, composed mainly of Central American migrants fleeing civil wars, many of whom faced untreated traumas or mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Neighbors' Consejo acquired three houses on 16th Street NW to serve as community shelters and, in 2008, provided temporary refuge for families displaced by a fire in Mt. Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Neighbors' Consejo reorganized to better serve African American and Latino neighbors in need and opened service centers in northwest and southeast D.C.; and

28 WHEREAS, today, Neighbors’ Consejo operates locations on Georgia Avenue, NW and
29 Anacostia in SE, offering high-quality mental health and community support services to neighbors
30 in need across the city; and

31 WHEREAS, Neighbors’ Consejo was the recipient of the American Psychiatric
32 Association Foundation’s 2023 Award for Advancing Minority Health; and

33 WHEREAS, Neighbors’ Consejo envisions a community of happy, healthy, and self-
34 sufficient neighbors.

35 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
36 resolution may be cited as the “Neighbors’ Consejo 30th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of
37 2025”.

38 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates the 30th
39 anniversary of Neighbors’ Consejo and its dedication to providing free, culturally and
40 linguistically competent mental health and community support services to individuals who are
41 among the most vulnerable in Washington, D.C.

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