

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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1 To recognize and celebrate, Aiyi’nah Ford and The Future Foundation for many years of  
2 dedication and service to the Ward 8 community.  
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4 WHEREAS, Aiyi’nah Ford, a native Washingtonian, was born and raised in Ward 8;

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Ford, has overcome many personal obstacles like cervical cancer,  
6 domestic violence, homelessness, and child sexual assault through great resilience;

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Ford is an award-winning activist who was honored as the 2019 Leader  
8 of the Year by Young Education Professionals and received the 2018 Woman of Achievement  
9 Award from Women’s Information Network;

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Ford is nationally respected for her wealth of experience in trauma-  
11 informed facilitation, political strategy, and youth development;

12 WHEREAS, the Future Foundation was founded in 2012 to provide free trauma-  
13 informed, drop-in programs for teens and their families in the Ward 8 region;

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Ford has been the executive director of the Future Foundation since  
15 2012;

16 WHEREAS, the Future Foundation’s mission is to empower and activate future adults,  
17 ages 13-21 years of age, and their families with social justice advocacy, community organizing  
18 and resource development skills to create a future worth fighting for;

19 WHEREAS, the Future Foundation exists to empower youth to address the trauma they,  
20 their families, and their communities have experienced;

21 WHEREAS, the Future Foundation’s political education curriculum trains future adults  
22 to navigate and dismantle the oppressive systems that have been structured for economic and  
23 educational disparities;

24 WHEREAS, the Future Foundation’s programs provide youth and their families access to  
25 the language to describe the struggles they are facing as well as family wellness practices to  
26 begin individual and collective healing;

27 WHEREAS, to date the Future Foundation has helped 958 future adults and assisted in  
28 transforming 3,850 families over the course of 7 years; and

29           WHEREAS, the future adults who are a part of the Future Foundation have earned over  
30   76,640 community service hours.

31           RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
32   resolution may be cited as the “Future Foundation Ceremonial Resolution of 2019.”

33           Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors The Future Foundation in its  
34   activism and service to the youth and the Ward 8 community.

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