

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1 To recognize and celebrate, Mrs. Beverly Smith-Brown and Momma's Safe Haven for many
2 years of dedication and service to the communities of Ward 8.

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4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Beverly Smith-Brown, a native Washingtonian, was born and raised in
5 Ward 8;

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith-Brown is the proud mother of four children Alexis Smith,
7 Anthony Smith, Deja Smith and Eshae Smith;

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith-Brown, who experienced many lows that accompany living in a
9 drug infested community and had the odds stacked up against her, graduated from Potomac
10 College in 2010;

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith-Brown saw a growing need in her community to gather
12 likeminded people together to make a positive difference;

13 WHEREAS, as a result of that need Mrs. Smith-Brown was motivated to found
14 Momma's Safe Haven in January 2014;

15 WHEREAS, Momma's Safe Haven was founded on the need to support the community
16 as an organization that encourages self-love, higher education and self-employment by offering a
17 support bridge to those in need of resources to get to the next level in their lives;

18 WHEREAS, the goal of Momma's Safe Haven is to help people get to the next level
19 through partnering with organizations, schools, and government services;

20 WHEREAS, Momma's Safe Haven achieves this goal by serving over 3,000 families
21 annually in Washington D.C.;

22 WHEREAS, Momma's Safe Haven has been continually recognized for the positive
23 impact on the community including being featured by the Washington City Paper, the Informer,
24 and Fox 5;

25 WHEREAS, Momma's Safe Haven hosts an annual conference called You Go Girl
26 which is a transformational conference, centered around trauma and mental health for women
27 and girls of all ages with an attendance of over 800 people in 2019;

28 WHEREAS, Momma's Safe Haven hosts an annual black history talent show that serves
29 over 300 youth with over 400 people in attendance;

30 WHEREAS, Momma's Safe Haven hosts an annual band and dance competition with
31 roughly 200 youth involvement;

32 WHEREAS, Momma's Safe Haven hosts a film program for youth during the summer
33 where youth select a plot, create a script, and film it all in 6 weeks;

34 WHEREAS, Momma's Safe Haven gives back to its community by honoring other
35 partners and organizations through the Black Wallstreet Southeast Award;

36 WHEREAS, Momma's Safe Haven opened a Healing Center in January 2019, with the
37 purpose of providing a safe space conducive for healing from trauma;

38 WHEREAS, through the Healing Center counseling is available for sexual abuse support,
39 grief counseling, and substance education with a vision that everyone feels important and
40 valuable;

41 WHEREAS, the motto of Momma's Safe Haven says it all "We Are Taking Our Streets
42 Back One Event At A Time;" and

43 WHEREAS, over the years Mrs. Smith-Brown has dedicated her life to leading by
44 example and advocating for youth through supporting the needs of her community and providing
45 community-based programs.

46 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
47 resolution may be cited as the "Momma's Safe Haven Ceremonial Resolution of 2019."

48 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Mrs. Beverly Smith-Brown in her
49 activism and service to the community.

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