

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and celebrate the 25th anniversary of Men Can Stop Rape, a community-based organization in the District mobilizing men to create cultures free from violence and prevent men’s violence against women.

WHEREAS, gender-based violence and violence against women is a grave global public health crisis, with the World Health Organization estimating that approximately 1 in 3 women are subjected to physical or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime;

WHEREAS, in 1997, the founders of Men Can Stop Rape (“MCSR”) pioneered a public health approach for preventing violence against women by promoting healthy masculinity and encouraging men and boys to end men’s violence against women;

WHEREAS, MCSR spearheads award-winning public education campaigns in all 8 wards of the District, across the country, and throughout the world, such as the Where Do You Stand? Campaign and the landmark national, multi-year Healthy Masculinity Action Project;

WHEREAS, in 2000, MCSR launched the Men of Strength Club (“MOST”), its first youth development primary prevention program, at Ballou High School in historic Anacostia, and in 2010, formed the first Women Inspiring Strength and Empowerment Club (“WISE”) at Banneker High School in the Shaw neighborhood;

WHEREAS, MOST and WISE Clubs now serve all DCPS high schools, and another 125 MOST Clubs serve communities in 32 states and 2 countries;

WHEREAS, MCSR has continued to innovate by developing cutting-edge, culturally-specific resources like the “Assault. Services. Knowledge.” (ASK) technology platform and coordinating community resources through its stewardship of the D.C. Coalition to End Sexual Violence;

WHEREAS, MCSR has enhanced the capacity of 50,000 professionals to mobilize men in the prevention of gender-based violence through its delivery of skills-building trainings and technical assistance for the federal government, *Fortune* 500 companies, major sports leagues,

48 academic institutions, and international entities, including the United Nations and Amnesty  
49 International;

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51 WHEREAS, MCSR has served the United States Armed Forces in multiple ways,  
52 including the creation of the first-ever Sexual Assault Prevention Strategy for the Department of  
53 Defense (“DOD”), training more than 1,000 Marines at the Marine Barracks in the District and  
54 serving as a Highly Qualified Expert on the DOD’s Independent Review Commission on Sexual  
55 Assault;

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57 WHEREAS, MCSR has produced youth-led media and art projects that explore the  
58 intersections of the arts, culture, and social justice, such as the first Black History Month film  
59 festival with the American Film Institute, MOST TV, and Counter Stories Productions; and  
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61 WHEREAS, MCSR has earned praise from *O, The Oprah Magazine*, the Ms. Foundation  
62 for Women, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the National  
63 Crime Prevention Council, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for its  
64 ongoing work to create safer and healthier neighborhoods in the District and across the country.  
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66 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
67 resolution may be cited as the “Men Can Stop Rape 25th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of  
68 2022”.  
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70 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and celebrates the 25th anniversary of Men Can Stop  
71 Rape, a community-based organization in the District mobilizing men to create cultures free  
72 from violence and prevent men’s violence against women.  
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74 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.