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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor the LGBTQ communities of the District of Columbia, to express the
commitment of the District of Columbia Government to supporting and protecting LGBTQ

46 people, to condemn anti-LGBTQ legislation and other acts of prejudice, and to
47 commemorate Capital Pride 2022.
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49 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia proudly serves as home to more transgender,
50 nonbinary, intersex, two-spirit, queer, lesbian, gay, same-gender-loving, pansexual, bisexual,
51 asexual, and other sexual and gender minority (LGBTQ) people *per capita* than any U.S. state;
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53 WHEREAS, LGBTQ individuals and communities have been an essential part of the
54 District of Columbia throughout its history, whether openly or covertly, and have contributed
55 immeasurably to the cultural, economic, and social advancement of the District of Columbia;
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57 WHEREAS, LGBTQ people in the District of Columbia have spent many decades
58 organizing, advocating for their rights and needs, building enduring communities, and challenging
59 themselves and each other to pursue equity and inclusivity in many forms;
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61 WHEREAS, the vision and perseverance of LGBTQ people in the District of Columbia
62 has generated important political breakthroughs in local governance, such as the prohibition of
63 discrimination based on gender identity or expression beginning in 2005;
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65 WHEREAS, the budget that the Council recently approved for fiscal year 2023 features
66 new investments in the well-being of LGBTQ residents, including housing vouchers, health care
67 grant programs, grants for organizations serving LGBTQ residents of Wards 7 and 8, and staffing
68 support for the Office of LGBTQ Affairs;
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70 WHEREAS, the contributions of LGBTQ people in the District of Columbia have
71 repeatedly generated meaningful progress in movements for LGBTQ people nationwide;
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73 WHEREAS, LGBTQ people and their allies in the District of Columbia have held annual
74 Pride events in the month of June since the 1970s to insist on visibility and progress, with the
75 Capital Pride Alliance providing valuable organizing efforts on a volunteer basis beginning in
76 2008;
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78 WHEREAS, LGBTQ people and communities continue to face violence, oppression, and
79 erasure in the District of Columbia on the basis of their genders and sexualities, especially where
80 they intersect with other marginalized identities;
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82 WHEREAS, demagogues and political opportunists across the United States have
83 intensified their efforts to harm LGBTQ people and eradicate LGBTQ communities, including by
84 prohibiting inclusive and age-appropriate education on gender, sexuality, history, and the arts; by
85 denying people access to gender-inclusive health care; by imposing degrading and unscientific sex
86 stereotypes on youth in sports and on public accommodations; and by recklessly propagating
87 shameful, dehumanizing, and fascistic falsehoods against LGBTQ people;
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89 WHEREAS, in the face of these unconscionable threats, the need for both dogged public
90 manifestations of LGBTQ visibility and year-round political action remains as urgent as ever;
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92 WHEREAS, the Capital Pride parade, festival, and other signature events to be thrown by
93 the Capital Pride Alliance in 2022 will represent a valuable instance of LGBTQ visibility and
94 resistance, and will reflect the hard work, dedication, and resilience of the Capital Pride Alliance,
95 its sponsors, and hundreds of volunteers from across the District and our region; and
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97 WHEREAS; the theme for Capital Pride 2022 is “reUNITED.”
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99 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
100 resolution may be cited as the “Capital Pride Recognition Resolution of 2022”.
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102 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes June 2022 as LGBTQ Pride
103 month in the District of Columbia, affirms and appreciates LGBTQ people in the District of
104 Columbia, commits itself to the ongoing protection and support of LGBTQ people in the District
105 of Columbia, and honors and congratulates the Capital Pride Alliance and all who contribute to
106 the success of Capital Pride 2022.
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108 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
109 the District of Columbia Register.