



Councilmember Anita Bonds

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and commemorate the 60th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington (“March”), which served as the impetus for the passage of momentous federal legislation such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

WHEREAS, on August 28th, 1963, the civil rights movement, spearheaded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., held a March on Washington for Jobs and Justice;

WHEREAS, the March was held 100 years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation;

WHEREAS, the March attracted over 200,000 people and represented the culmination of years of nonviolent demonstrations throughout the south;

WHEREAS, the March featured Dr. Martin Luther King’s legendary “I Have a Dream” speech, and served as a launching pad for his career as an American icon;

WHEREAS, several major, federal legislative measures passed because of the attention generated by the March, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965;

WHEREAS, the commemorative march, held August 26th, 2023, attracted over 100,000 people and featured remarks from Dr. Martin Luther King, III, Rev. Al Sharpton, leader of the National Action Network, and other civil rights leaders;

WHEREAS, recent events show that the fight for civil rights and equality continues, including the recent Supreme Court decision striking down affirmative action.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “March on Washington 60th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

47 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commemorates the 60th anniversary of the
48 1963 March on Washington and recognizes it as a watershed moment in American history.

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

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