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Councilmember Brooke Pinto

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize the many and varied contributions that Whitman-Walker has made to the District of Columbia on the occasion of the organization's 50th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, Whitman-Walker has been part of the fabric of the local D.C. and national community as first responder and care-provider for those living with HIV, a leader in LGBTQIA+ care and advocacy, and a research center working to discover breakthroughs in HIV treatment and prevention science;

WHEREAS, Whitman-Walker is one of the District's most trusted partners in delivering quality health care, including during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Whitman-Walker began its work in 1973 as a safe space for gay men to receive care for sexually transmitted diseases without discrimination and fear and has evolved into a care provider that serves their community with respect, dignity and grace;

WHEREAS, the Whitman-Walker Clinic opened in 1978 in Northwest D.C. and later opened the Max Robinson Center in 1993, allowing the organization to expand its reach and

patient profile and to become a leader in HIV/AIDS education, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment;

WHEREAS, Whitman-Walker Health provides primary medical care, behavioral health care, dental care, and a range of health-related legal and support services to more than 20,000 individuals and families annually in the greater Washington, D.C., region;

WHEREAS, Whitman-Walker opened the newly renovated Max Robinson Center on the St. Elizabeth's East Campus on August 14th, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Max Robinson Center will expand opportunities for quality healthcare, community advocacy, and research education to communities east of the Anacostia River;

WHEREAS, the new healthcare center will expand patient care by 200% or an expected 15,000 patient visits by 2025;

WHEREAS, Whitman-Walker endeavors to be an inclusive space that centers the needs and experiences of Black, Indigenous, and people of color, LGBTQQIA+ people, and systemically underserved communities;

WHEREAS, Whitman-Walker celebrates its 50th anniversary and envisions a society where all people are seen for who they are, treated with dignity and respect, and afforded equal opportunities to health and well-being.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Whitman-Walker 50th Anniversary Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2023".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Whitman-Walker for its tireless commitment to the LGBTQQIA+ community and the District at large on the occasion of the organization's 50th Anniversary.

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