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2 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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6 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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10 To celebrate the ceremony of the District of Columbia’s famous groundhog weatherman and
11 political prognostician, Potomac Phil, as he delivers his highly anticipated annual forecast
12 on February 2, 2024, and to declare that date “D.C. Groundhog Day.”
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14 WHEREAS, On February 2, 2024, residents and visitors of the District of Columbia will
15 emerge to be educated on the American folklore tradition of Groundhog Day by Dupont Festival;

16 WHEREAS, on that morning, District residents will be reminded that if Potomac Phil
17 emerges from his burrow and sees his shadow due to clear weather, he will retreat to his den and
18 winter will persist for 6 more weeks and if he does not see his shadow because of cloudiness,
19 spring will arrive early;

20 WHEREAS, District residents and visitors will be enlightened with the knowledge of
21 Potomac Phil’s uncanny power of weather and political predictions; and

22 WHEREAS, Potomac Phil will elucidate the seasonal forecast for hundreds of individuals
23 in and around Dupont Circle during the morning of February 2, 2024.

24 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
25 resolution may be cited as the “D.C. Groundhog Day Recognition Resolution of 2024”.

26 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares February 2, 2024, as
27 D.C. Groundhog Day in the Nation’s Capital.

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