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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To commemorate and recognize February 7, 2024, as National Girls & Women in Sports Day in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, in 1987, the Women’s Sports Foundation held the first National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) to commemorate the Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman for her athletic achievements and dedication to promoting equality in women’s sports;

WHEREAS, the Women’s Sports Foundation was established in 1974 to advance the lives of women and girls through sports and physical activity;

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Women’s Sports Foundation from its inception in 1974 to this year’s Title IX’s 50th anniversary, has invested over \$100 million in impact efforts, helping to shape the lives of millions of youth;

WHEREAS, the Women’s Sports Foundation established its first grant programs, including summer camp scholarships in 1977;

WHEREAS, in 1990, the Women’s Sports Foundation marked their first year awarding of Grants for Girls, distributing \$545,000 over 12 years to fund equipment, facility rentals, and apparel for girls’ sports programs nationwide;

WHEREAS, in 1980, the Women’s Sports Foundation launched the International Women’s Sports Hall of Fame to honor history-making female athletes and coaches and to solidify the reputation of female athletics worldwide;

WHEREAS, the Women’s Sports Foundation launched their Internship Program in 1982;

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Women’s Sports Foundation created their High School All-Star program, recognizing more than 1,700 female athletes while providing more than \$1 million in college scholarships;

39 WHEREAS, the Women’s Sports Foundation published *The Wilson Report: Moms,*
40 *Dads, Daughters, and Sports*, the first large-scale, nationwide, intergenerational study of the
41 female sports experience;

42 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Women’s Sports Foundation joined forces with Athlete Ally, a
43 nonprofit LGBTQ+ athlete advocacy group, and over 60 elite athletes globally, join in opposition
44 to the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)’s eligibility regulations for
45 female track athletes;

46 WHEREAS, in 1997, the Women’s Sports Foundation publishes *The Women’s Sports*
47 *Foundation Gender Equity Report Card*, examining more than 700 National College Athletic
48 Association (NCAA) universities for compliance with Title IX;

49 WHEREAS, in 2001, the Women’s Sports Foundation published *Health Risks and the*
50 *Teen Athlete*, providing evidence that participating in sport fundamentally reduces common
51 health risks faced by teen girls;

52 WHEREAS, in 2003, the Women’s Sports Foundation worked tirelessly with over 100
53 organizations to protect Title IX, as the law was threatened to be dismantled by the current
54 administration at the time;

55 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Women’s Sports Foundation published Title IX and Girls in
56 Sports Poll Report, marking the 45th Anniversary of this landmark legislation, and measuring
57 Title IX awareness and support as well as attitudes and behaviors surrounding girls’ sports
58 participation;

59 WHEREAS, in 2020, the Women’s Sports Foundation established *The Equity Project*, a
60 new collective-impact initiative designed to close the gaps in equitable access to, and
61 opportunities in, sports;

62 WHEREAS, in 2021, the Women’s Sports Foundation launched its ‘We Play Interactive’
63 a first-of-its kind digital resource for coaches, leaders, and mentors of girl-serving sports
64 programs;

65 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
66 resolution may be cited as the “National Girls & Women in Sports Day Ceremonial Recognition
67 Resolution of 2024”.

68 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes National Girls & Women in Sports Day in the District of
69 Columbia as a tribute to celebrate and honor the remarkable contributions women have made in
70 the field of sports, enriching the District and the nation with their significant achievements;

71 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.