



Councilmember Anita Bonds

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To designate November as National Family Caregivers Month in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, November is designated as National Family Caregivers Month, a time to honor and celebrate the selfless dedication of the millions of family caregivers who provide essential services and support to loved ones in need;

WHEREAS, family caregivers are the unsung heroes of our nation, demonstrating unwavering commitment and dedication as they make personal sacrifices to care for family members, friends, and neighbors, often without recognition or compensation;

WHEREAS, family caregivers usually are spouses, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends;

WHEREAS, more than 50 million Americans provide unpaid care to loved ones, and more than half of them do not even identify themselves as caregivers, despite the vital role they play in supporting the health, safety, and independence of others;

WHEREAS, the District has expressed its dedication in supporting grandparent caregivers through The Grandparent Caregiver Program and The Plaza West-Grandfamily Community Life Program;

WHEREAS, National Family Caregivers Month raises awareness of caregiving challenges, educates communities on the importance of supporting caregivers, and highlights resources that provide counseling, training, and temporary relief for caregivers;

WHEREAS, this month provides an opportunity to support efforts to ease the burden on caregivers by advocating for programs and policies that provide the support, respect, and relief caregivers deserve, recognizing that no one should have to choose between a paycheck and caring for a loved one;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “National Family Caregivers Month Recognition Resolution of 2024.”

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby recognizes November as National Family Caregivers Month and encourages all citizens to recognize, honor, and thank the caregivers in our communities for their invaluable contributions and selfless dedication.

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

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