

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor the Election Workers who volunteer to serve at the Vote Centers, ensuring that every resident of the District of Columbia can cast their vote safely, securely, independently, and with confidence that their vote is being counted.

WHEREAS, Election Workers in the District of Columbia serve voters by setting up Vote Center locations, orienting voters, verifying registration information, issuing ballots, and instructing voters on election procedures and the use of voting equipment;

WHEREAS, Election Workers in recent years have navigated temporary safety precautions including new policies on cleaning, distancing, and masking;

WHEREAS, in the General Election held November 3, 2020, 2,407 volunteers risked exposure to COVID-19 to ensure DC residents were able to cast their vote during the state of emergency caused by the pandemic;

WHEREAS, in recent elections, Election Workers have also had to contend with an escalation in threats against their personal safety amidst nationwide concerns about election security;

WHEREAS, in the June 4, 2024 Primary Election, a total of 1,341 individuals over the age of 16 volunteered at 75 Vote Centers across the District;

WHEREAS, on the subsequent November 5, 2024 General Election, an additional total of 1631 individuals over the age of 16 volunteered at 75 Vote Centers across the District;

WHEREAS, volunteers do substantial work preparing for the elections, including helping voters register, setting up Vote Centers, readying mailed-in ballots for the Agilis sorting and processing system, and answering general questions about voting procedures;

WHEREAS, volunteers worked in two- to three-hour shifts the day prior to Election Day and working in the field during Early Voting;

WHEREAS, volunteers worked in 15-hour shifts on Election Day, ensuring the Vote Centers were open from 6am to 9pm to allow all residents ample opportunity to vote;

WHEREAS, volunteers who serve as Registration Clerk, Ballot Clerk, or Voter Assistance Clerk complete a four-hour training to become qualified on voting systems and procedures;

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52 WHEREAS, volunteers who serve as Site Coordinator complete a full-day training program to be
53 proficient at running a Vote Center;
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55 WHEREAS, the Board of Elections held 290 training sessions in 2024 for the Primary and
56 General Elections;
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58 WHEREAS, 20 District high school students volunteered to work either a four-hour or eight-hour
59 shift on June 4th, 2024, and 60 District high school students volunteered for a shift on November 5, 2024;
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61 WHEREAS, Election Workers help ensure individuals with disabilities are able to cast their
62 ballots privately and independently by honoring the mandate set forth in the Americans with Disabilities
63 Act;
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65 WHEREAS, Election Workers are dedicated to supporting neutrality in elections in the District of
66 Columbia by abstaining from endorsing any candidate or expressing their personal views of any issue
67 during their time of service;
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69 WHEREAS, serving as an Election Worker offers every District of Columbia resident, from high
70 school students to senior citizens, the opportunity to engage with their community, participate directly in
71 our democracy; and fulfill their civic duty;
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73 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution
74 may be cited as the “District of Columbia Election Worker Recognition Resolution of 2024”.
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76 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby recognizes Election Workers for their
77 work to support a straightforward election experience and their commitment to ensuring that every
78 resident in the District of Columbia is afforded the opportunity to cast their ballot.
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80 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the
81 District of Columbia Register.