
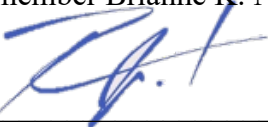


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20 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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24 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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28 To recognize and honor the Washington Spirit for their incredible 2024 season, which  
29 included an appearance in the National Women’s Soccer League Championship.

30 WHEREAS, the Washington Spirit was founded on November 21, 2012, and is an  
31 inaugural member of the National Women’s Soccer League;

32 WHEREAS, the Washington Spirit made their third finals appearance on Saturday,  
33 November 23, 2024, against the Orlando Pride at CPKC Stadium in Kansas City;

34 WHEREAS, the Washington Spirit tied for the most wins in the NWSL regular season,  
35 with 18 wins;

36 WHEREAS, the Washington Spirit standout Croix Bethune received three end-of-season  
37 awards: being named the 2024 Rookie of the Year, making the Best XI First Team, and making  
38 history by earning the NWSL's first-ever Midfielder of the Year award;

39 WHEREAS, the Washington Spirit finished the 2024 season with a franchise-record 19  
40 wins, 18 of which came in the regular season, with the other coming from their playoff victory  
41 against Gotham FC;

42 WHEREAS, the Washington Spirit boasted a star-studded lineup, with three players  
43 selected to the NWSL's Best XI First Team: defender Casey Krueger, midfielder Croix Bethune,

44 and forward Trinity Rodman. Additionally, two players, defender Tara McKeown and midfielder  
45 Hal Hershfelt, were named to the Best XI Second Team;

46 WHEREAS, the Washington Spirit set a new club record for the most goals scored in a  
47 single season, with 51;

48 WHEREAS, the Washington Spirit sold out Audi Field three times during the 2024  
49 season;

50 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF  
51 COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Washington Spirit Recognition Resolution  
52 of 2024”.

53 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Washington  
54 Spirit for their incredible 2024 season and for their contribution to sports and to the District of  
55 Columbia, for setting the standard of excellence, and for paving the way for the growth of  
56 women’s soccer in the city.

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