

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Father Michael J. Kelley on the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley was born in Spokane, Washington and ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington on May 17, 1975;

WHEREAS, in 1992, Father Michael J. Kelley was named pastor of St. Martin of Tours parish in Washington, DC, where he continues to serve as pastor today;

WHEREAS, St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church is an open and diverse parish that promotes justice, peace, and service under the direction and leadership of Father Michael J. Kelley;

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley partnered with Catholic Charities, local community groups, and the District of Columbia government to build and manage The Summit at St. Martin’s Apartments, an affordable workforce housing apartment complex;

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley opens St. Martin’s Community Center any day of the week to give children in the neighborhood a safe place to play basketball;

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley provides space for community organizations at the St. Martin’s Community Center, including numerous Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups that meet seven days a week;

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley is a founding member of the North Capitol Street and Rhode Island Avenue Ecumenical Council comprised of seven churches that serve the spiritual, educational, and social needs of their respective communities;

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley serves as an example of humility, selflessness, and generosity and has guided people, families, and St. Martin’s parish through difficult times; and

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley led the St. Martin’s parish through the worst months of the COVID-19 pandemic by transitioning mass to a virtual platform in order to continue ministering in a time of great need.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution be cited as the “Father Michael J. Kelley Recognition Resolution of 2025”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Father Michael J. Kelley for his many years of service to St. Martin of Tours parish, to the Bloomingdale community, and to the District of Columbia.

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