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5 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To recognize and celebrate East City Bookshop, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, for its
16 longstanding commitment to the neighborhood and for offering a wide array of books and
17 events that foster community.

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19 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop was established in 2016 by Laurie Gillman on
20 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, in the heart of Capitol Hill;

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22 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop is a gathering place for book lovers of all ages that offers
23 a wide selection curated by knowledgeable book buyers and booksellers who help any customer
24 find the right titles;

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26 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop hosts book clubs, author events, and more to connect
27 people with books that inspire and bring the community together;

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29 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop has staff who know their regulars' names and offer the
30 same care and expertise to every visitor;

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32 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop holds book drives for local organizations, such as Ward
33 6 Mutual Aid, and donates a percentage of its sales to the organization;

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35 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop books author events in schools for touring authors;

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37 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop offers hybrid one-week book fairs for schools, donating
38 20 percent of sales designated for the school;

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40 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop provides teacher wish lists to bring more books into local
41 classrooms;

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43 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop hosts 15 book clubs to bring people together in
44 conversation over fiction and nonfiction alike, with 4 of the clubs being for children of different
45 ages;

47 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop regularly hosts events, both in-store and across the
48 District, to expand dialogue on current events, provide thoughtful conversations with authors, and
49 inspire readers of all backgrounds;

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51 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop continually encourages people to shop local, at both its
52 own space and other neighborhood small businesses;

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54 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop offers more beyond books, including unique greeting
55 cards, thoughtful gifts, and items for children, friends, parents, and coworkers;

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57 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop hosts annual summer reading challenges for both school-
58 aged children and adult readers;

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60 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop earned a Ward 6 Brickie Award in 2017, and it has been
61 named Best Indie Bookstore and Best Bookstore by *Washington City Paper*;

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63 WHEREAS, Laurie Gillman is a book lover who opened her business to serve her
64 neighbors with new books, filling a need when local stores were closing;

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66 WHEREAS, Laurie Gillman continually employs staff members who are welcomed and
67 uplifted to share their love of books with the broader community; and

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69 WHEREAS, East City Bookshop continues to be a place for everyone in the community to
70 find connection and common ground.

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72 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
73 resolution may be cited as the “East City Bookshop 10th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of
74 2026”.

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76 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates East City
77 Bookshop, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, for its longstanding commitment to the
78 neighborhood and for offering a wide array of books and events that foster community.

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