


Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Philip E. Pannell for his decades of civic leadership, political activism, and community service in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Philip E. Pannell is a native of Newport News, Virginia;

WHEREAS, Mr. Pannell pursued higher education at Fordham University and completed graduate work in political science at Howard University;

WHEREAS, Mr. Pannell for decades has been involved in political and community activities at both professional and volunteer levels, demonstrating a sustained commitment to civic engagement in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Mr. Pannell's activism included organizing and participating in major campaigns, reflecting a lifelong dedication to social justice and democratic participation;

WHEREAS, Mr. Pannell was selected in 1975 by then Ward 4 Councilmember Arrington Dixon to work on the Council's Government Operations Committee and to establish, organize, and run the District's first constituent services office, helping to build a model for effective constituent engagement and responsive local government;

WHEREAS, Mr. Pannell has served the District in numerous civic capacities, including leadership roles in community and neighborhood organizations and service on boards supporting education and public institutions;

WHEREAS, Mr. Pannell has received extensive recognition for his service, including major community service honors and awards acknowledging his contributions to Washington, D.C.;

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Pannell became Executive Director of the Anacostia Coordinating
37 Council in 1995 and has been the only person to serve in that role since the organization's
38 inception, dedicating his leadership to strengthening communities east of the Anacostia River;
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41 WHEREAS, Mr. Pannell celebrates his 76th birthday on September 29, 2026.

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43 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
44 resolution may be cited as the "Philip E. Pannell Day Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of
45 2026".

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47 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Mr. Pannell for nearly 50
48 years as a District resident and for decades as a community leader, devoting his time and talents
49 to building stronger neighborhoods, elevating civic participation, and advancing community-
50 driven solutions that enhance the District of Columbia as a whole; and declares September 29,
51 2026 as "Philip E. Pannell Day" in the District of Columbia.

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