



[Councilmember]

Councilmember Anita Bonds

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor and recognize the Bernice Fonteneau Senior Wellness Center of Ward 1 for being a vital community resource since 2011, dedicated to enhancing the health, well-being, independence, and quality of life of adults aged 60 and above throughout the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, September is Healthy Aging Month and this year's theme celebrates the value of being curious throughout our lives by staying connected with others, staying active, and trying new things;

WHEREAS, we in the District of Columbia are fortunate to have in place Senior Wellness Centers that actively involve any resident over the age of 60 who wishes to participate or enjoy the services offered by the Centers;

WHEREAS, the Senior Wellness Centers of the District of Columbia have served as a vital community resource since 1985 and are dedicated to enhancing the health, well-being, independence, and quality of life of seniors throughout the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, these centers provide opportunities for lifelong learning, physical fitness, nutrition education, health promotion, disease prevention, social engagement, and cultural enrichment;

WHEREAS, the Senior Wellness Centers foster meaningful connections among residents, helping to reduce isolation, strengthen community bonds, and promote active and healthy aging;

WHEREAS, the dedicated staff, volunteers, community partners, and supporters of the Senior Wellness Centers work tirelessly to provide programs and services that empower older adults to live with dignity, purpose and independence;

47 WHEREAS, the Senior Wellness Centers reflect the District of Columbia's commitment
48 to honoring and supporting its senior residents, recognizing their contributions, wisdom, and
49 continued engagement in civic and community life;

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51 WHEREAS, the success of the Senior Wellness Centers is a testament to the vision,
52 leadership, and dedication of those who have championed services for older adults in DC;

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54 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we extend our congratulations to the Bernice Fonteneau
55 Senior Wellness Center for fifteen remarkable years of providing a place where seniors in Ward
56 1 can gather;

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58 WHEREAS, the Bernice Fonteneau Center is full of warmth, friendship, love, and
59 activity; and

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61 WHEREAS, the center continuously embodies the vision of their namesake, the
62 trailblazing Bernice Fonteneau whose advocacy for older adults helped shape senior services in
63 the District.

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65 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
66 resolution may be cited as the "Bernice Fonteneau Senior Wellness Center Recognition
67 Resolution of 2026".

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69 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Bernice Fonteneau Senior
70 Wellness Center for fifteen years of excellence as a community hub, a source of fellowship, and
71 a place where experience is honored and lives are enriched, and extends its best wishes that the
72 center's mission of empowerment, inclusion, and opportunity for seniors continues to flourish for
73 many years to come.

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