



[Councilmember]

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## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

### IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor and recognize the work of Iona Senior Services for its committed work and service to various communities.

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 centers and services that actively involve any resident over the age of 60 who wishes to participate;

WHEREAS, Iona began in 1975 as Iona House in the Tenleytown neighborhood of Northwest Washington, founded through the collaboration of local faith communities that sought to respond to the needs of their neighbors;

WHEREAS, the Iona Senior Services House maintains fully operating and outstanding facilities in both Ward 3 and Ward 8;

WHEREAS, from those modest beginnings, Iona recognized the growing needs of older adults and their families and devoted itself to helping Washingtonians age with dignity, independence, connection, and purpose;

WHEREAS, for five decades, Iona has provided compassionate and essential services to older adults and caregivers, including support, counseling, education, wellness, nutrition, community programs, and assistance during some of life's most challenging moments;

WHEREAS, Iona operates Community Dining Sites in Wards 2, 3, and 4 to provide seniors with access to crucial social and nutritional needs;

47 WHEREAS, Iona has provided services to seniors afflicted with Alzheimer's and  
48 Dementia-related diseases via their Dementia Navigators Program;  
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50 WHEREAS, Iona has become much more than an organization providing services – it  
51 has become a trusted friend, advocate, safety net, and source of hope for thousands of District  
52 residents and their families;  
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54 WHEREAS, Iona's work recognizes that growing older should not mean growing  
55 isolated, and that every older adult deserves to be treated with respect, compassion, and dignity,  
56 and given the opportunity to remain connected to the community;  
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58 WHEREAS, Iona has continually expanded its reach and responded to the changing  
59 needs of seniors and challenges of aging by offering adult day health programs, caregiver  
60 support, community dining, wellness and educational programs, and services for older adults  
61 who may otherwise face isolation or hardship;  
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63 WHEREAS, Iona's commitment extends not only to older adults themselves but also  
64 the family members, caregivers, and loved ones who so often carry the responsibility of caring  
65 for those they cherish;  
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67 WHEREAS, Iona has demonstrated that aging services are not simply about meeting  
68 needs – they are about helping people continue to live meaningful, connected, healthy, and  
69 fulfilling lives;  
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71 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is stronger because of organizations such as Iona  
72 that believe every generation matters and that older Washingtonians should be valued not only  
73 for the lives they have lived, but for the wisdom, expertise, leadership and contributions they  
74 continue to offer our community; and  
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76 WHEREAS, as Iona celebrated its 50th anniversary, the District of Columbia honors the  
77 dedicated and extraordinary work of the Chief Executive Officer, Joon Bang, and his dedicated  
78 staff, volunteers, supporters, caregivers, partners, and leaders whose compassion and  
79 commitment have sustained this remarkable institution.  
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81 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
82 resolution may be cited as the "Iona Senior Services Recognition Resolution of 2026".  
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84 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Iona Senior Services for the  
85 extraordinary service it renders to adults age 60 and older; honors their caregivers, families, and  
86 communities; and extends its sincere gratitude to Iona's Chief Executive Officer, Joon Bang, and  
87 his staff, for their leadership and the compassionate service they provide that helps make  
88 Washington D.C. a more caring and inclusive city.  
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90 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
91 the District of Columbia Register.