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Councilmember Anita Bonds

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12 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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18 To honor and recognize Kevin Donahue for his outstanding leadership and dedicated
19 service to the residents of the District of Columbia as City Administrator.
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21 WHEREAS, Kevin Donahue has devoted his professional career to improving
22 government agency performance, strengthening public administration, and ensuring the
23 advancement effective, accountable government for the people of the District of Columbia;
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25 WHEREAS, in January 2021, Mayor Muriel Bowser appointed Mr. Donahue as City
26 Administrator, the District's chief administrative officer responsible for overseeing the day-to-
27 day operations of the District government and coordinating the work of agencies across the
28 Executive Branch;
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30 WHEREAS, as City Administrator, Mr. Donahue has provided critical and steady
31 leadership to ensure that the government of the District of Columbia operates efficiently,
32 transparently, and responsively on behalf of our residents by implementing policies adopted by
33 the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia;
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35 WHEREAS, Mr. Donahue played a key role in leading our government's response to the
36 COVID-19 pandemic by establishing a whole-of-government approach that strengthened
37 interagency collaboration, improved communications, and ensured the continued delivery of
38 essential services during an unprecedented public health crisis;
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40 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure he has advocated for the use of data, performance
41 metrics, and evidence-based decision-making to improve government including through the
42 launch of The Lab @ DC, an innovative team of scientists and policy experts dedicated to
43 evaluating programs and improving outcomes for District residents;
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45 WHEREAS, prior to serving as City Administrator, Mr. Donahue served as Deputy City

46 Administrator and Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, where he oversaw critical public
47 safety agencies and led initiatives to strengthen public safety coordination across the District
48 government;
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50 WHEREAS, throughout his career he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to
51 public service, professional excellence, and the well-being of the residents of the District of
52 Columbia;
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54 WHEREAS, during his service, he helped launch the Office of Neighborhood Safety and
55 Engagement, a groundbreaking initiative focused on community-based violence prevention,
56 intervention, and youth engagement designed to build safer and stronger neighborhoods;
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58 WHEREAS, Mr. Donahue also oversaw key operational improvement across
59 government, including modernization efforts in agencies such as the District's Fire and
60 Emergency Medical Services Department and the expansion of data-driven accountability
61 systems that help ensure agencies meet performance goals;
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63 WHEREAS, he has further contributed to the District's long-term resilience by
64 convening multi-agency initiatives including efforts to strength the District's climate
65 preparedness and flood resilience planning;
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67 WHEREAS, Mr. Donahue also served in senior federal leadership roles including as
68 Executive Director of the Federal Government's Performance Improvement Council and as a
69 senior advisor at the United States Department of the Treasury and the United States General
70 Services Administration, bringing national expertise in performance management and
71 operational reform to his several roles in D.C. government; and
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73 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Donahue has demonstrated a deep
74 commitment to innovation in government, effective management, and the well-being of the
75 residents of the District.
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77 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
78 resolution may be cited as the "Kevin Donahue Recognition Resolution of 2026".
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80 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Kevin Donahue for his
81 distinguished service and expresses our appreciation for his leadership, professionalism,
82 dedication, and commitment to excellence in his many decades of public service in our city.
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84 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
85 the District of Columbia Register.