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Councilmember Anita Bonds

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor and recognize the Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL) for their support of the District's senior population via programs including community activities and events, nutrition and transportation services, healthcare and insurance counseling, caregiver support resources, and adult protective services

WHEREAS, the Department of Aging and Community Living has a longstanding commitment to improving the quality of life of older adults throughout the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Department of Aging and Community Living, previously titled the Office of Aging, has advanced into a separate Department with additional services and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the Council appreciates the dedication of Director Charon P.W. Hines and her staff who work daily to assure their programs meet the needs of their constituents, advocating for programs, services, resources and policies that enable District seniors to remain active and engaged members of their community;

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes and appreciates the efforts of our LEAD Agencies: East River Family Strengthening Collaborate; IONA Senior Services; and Seabury Resources for Aging in operating our Senior Wellness Centers and providing essential services to our seniors;

WHEREAS, the District recognizes and appreciates the critical role of the District's Senior Villages, a major grant recipient, in encouraging socialization and community amongst our senior population;

WHEREAS, DACL supports our LGBTQ+ seniors via programming such as the DC Center and Out & About;

WHEREAS, DACL supports the efforts of Sibley Memorial Hospital and IONA Senior Services in operating dementia care programs to assist seniors afflicted with memory related illnesses;

WHEREAS, the VIDA Senior Center, led by Dr. María Teresa McPhail, supports our Hispanic and Latinx senior population;

WHEREAS, DACL serves as a critical agency in the District's efforts to address the needs of its growing older adult population, providing and coordinating services that include health and wellness programs, social engagement, caregiver support, transportation, and other services designed to promote independence while preventing social isolation;

WHERAS, DACL facilitates the Commission on Aging to assess the needs and be a voice of advocacy for District Seniors;

WHEREAS, DACL meets the critical need of assuring the presence of accessible neighborhood-based services and has supported efforts to strengthen community resources where older adults can receive services to maintain their physical, emotional, and social well-being;

WHEREAS, DACL has worked on initiatives addressing the diverse needs of older Washingtonians, including efforts to expand access to programs that are designed to help D.C.'s growing senior population age in place and avoid the social isolation that is so harmful to their quality of life;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Anita Bonds wishes to express her sincere appreciation to DACL for trying to mediate the circumstances brought on in life to those persons considered in their senior time of life and does so with care, thoughtfulness, and dedication through the services of DACL.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the "Department of Aging and Community Living Recognition Resolution of 2026".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Department of Aging and Community Living for its role in supporting the senior population of the District of Columbia.

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