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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare October 15 through 23, 2016, as the “District of Columbia Week of Non-Violence”.

WHEREAS, incidents of violent crime across the country have received heightened attention and affected communities deeply;

WHEREAS, it is in the Nation’s and the District’s best interests to increase knowledge and training about conflict resolution, mental health, mediation, parenting skills, and non-violence strategies, and to make resources available to change the culture of violence in America;

WHEREAS, non-violence has historically been utilized as an important strategy for social and political change;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Cesar Chavez demonstrated leadership in nonviolence and called for a peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements in order to create more fair and just societies;

WHEREAS, women such as Rosa Parks, Ella Baker, and Dolores Huerta demonstrated leadership in nonviolence and called for democratic and grassroots participation to bring about collective change;

WHEREAS, violence cessation strategies include intervening in and preventing crime by treating its root causes in a sustainable and nonviolent way;

WHEREAS, a holistic approach that includes collaboration between government agencies, community organizations, and District residents is essential to violence prevention;

44 WHEREAS, Black Women for Positive Change, a national civil, inter-faith volunteer  
45 organization, in collaboration with elected officials, faith leaders, community activists, and youth  
46 are calling for a National Week of Non-Violence from October 15 through 23, 2016;  
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48 WHEREAS, Black Women for Positive Change is urging national, state, and local leaders  
49 to organize workshops to teach non-violence, anger management, and conflict resolution during  
50 the week to help alleviate violence in our communities.  
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52 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
53 resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Week of Non-Violence Recognition  
54 Resolution of 2016".  
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56 Sec. 2. The Council declares October 15 through 23, 2016, as the "District of Columbia  
57 Week of Non-Violence".  
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59 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
60 the District of Columbia Register.