

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 7, 2017

To recognize Washington Performing Arts as a supporter and nurturer of performing arts and their art forms, to congratulate Washington Performing Arts on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and to declare March 11, 2017, as “Washington Performing Arts Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Washington Performing Arts has created profound opportunities for connecting the community to artists, in both education and performance;

WHEREAS, through live Washington Performing Arts events in venues that span the landscape of the District of Columbia metropolitan area, the careers of emerging artists are guided, and established artists who have a close relationship with local audiences are invited to return;

WHEREAS, Washington Performing Arts is one of the leading presenters in the nation and its inherent belief in the complete spectrum of the arts is revealed in performances of the highest quality, including classical music, jazz, gospel, contemporary dance, international music, and art forms;

WHEREAS, Washington Performing Arts education programs in the schools and beyond are a hallmark of the institution; and

WHEREAS, Washington Performing Arts has been honored for its work, having received Mayor’s Arts Awards for Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education (2015) and Excellence in Service to the Arts (2012), and was honored by President Barack Obama with a 2012 National Medal of Arts (becoming only the fourth District of Columbia-based arts group and the first arts presenter of its kind to be so honored);

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Washington Performing Arts Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Washington Performing Arts for its dedication to the arts and sharing lifelong opportunities to deepen cultural knowledge, enrich lives, and expand understanding and compassion for the world through the universal

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language of the arts, and declares March 11, 2017, as “Washington Performing Arts Day” in the District of Columbia.

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