

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

22-162

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2017

To recognize and honor the achievements of Chocotenango.

WHEREAS, Chocotenango, a small-batch and handcrafted whole bean production Factory, was founded in Antigua, Guatemala in 2005 by Ismael Neggaz and opened its doors in Washington, D.C. in 2013;

WHEREAS, Chocotenango was among the first small businesses to locate at TasteLab, a successful commercial kitchen and food incubator in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, owner and master chocolatier, Ismael Neggaz has drawn inspiration from flavors like cardamom and tamarind to develop and perfect his original chocolate recipes;

WHEREAS, Chocotenango is the proud winner of 4 silver medals at the Americas division of the 2017 International Chocolate Awards as well as a bronze medal recipient at the 2016 International Chocolate Awards (World Division);

WHEREAS, Chocotenango is a member of the Department of Small and Local Business Development's "Made in D.C." program; and

WHEREAS, Chocotenango is a shining example of the ingenuity and vibrancy prevalent in many local businesses across the city.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Chocotenango Recognition Resolution of 2017".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Chocotenango for its contributions to the Langdon community and the city at large.

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