

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

22-167

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2017

To recognize Lisa LaFontaine for 10 years of dedicated service to the people and animals of the District of Columbia as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Humane Rescue Alliance.

WHEREAS, the Humane Rescue Alliance is located in Ward 4 at 71 Oglethorpe Street, N.W.;

WHEREAS, the Washington Humane Society was founded in 1870 and the Washington Animal Rescue League was founded in 1914, and the 2 organizations merged into the Humane Rescue Alliance in 2016;

WHEREAS, the Humane Rescue Alliance serves over 60,000 animals annually, providing rescue and adoption services, low-cost veterinary services, animal care and control, behavior training, spay-neuter services, and humane education;

WHEREAS, Lisa LaFontaine was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Washington Humane Society on August 6, 2007;

WHEREAS, under Lisa LaFontaine's leadership, the Washington Humane Society attained a 90% placement rate for animals;

WHEREAS, during her time at the Humane Rescue Alliance, Lisa LaFontaine oversaw the creation of several programs, such as the National Capital Area Spay & Neuter Center, which has sterilized thousands of animals in the District of Columbia, the CatNiPP Program, which utilizes a trap-neuter-release model to control the outdoor cat population, and Blue Collar Cats, which provides opportunities for outdoor cats to live and work controlling pests in communities;

WHEREAS, in 2016, Lisa LaFontaine facilitated the successful merger of the Washington Humane Society and the Washington Animal Rescue League;

WHEREAS, Lisa LaFontaine has further served the District of Columbia as Vice Chairperson of the Washington DC Board of Veterinary Examiners since 2012; and

WHEREAS, as the leader of the Humane Rescue Alliance, Lisa LaFontaine has established herself as a leading voice in the national animal welfare community and helped Humane Rescue Alliance to maintain its reputation as an outstanding organization worthy of emulation.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Lisa LaFontaine’s positive impact on the animal welfare community in the District of Columbia and honors her years as an advocate for animals.

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