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Councilmember Brandon Todd

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize the importance of providing students access to healthy lunches at school, and to declare October 9 through October 13, 2017 as "National School Lunch Week" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, National School Lunch Week will take place from October 9 through October 13, 2017 and celebrates the vast benefits of the National School Lunch Program;

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program, established in 1946, is a federal meal program that provides low or no-cost lunches to children across the country;

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program promotes healthy eating habits that can last a lifetime and provides balanced meals that contain a protein, grain, milk, and two fruits or vegetables;

WHEREAS, approximately 2/3 of school-aged children in the District are served lunch each day at school through the National School Lunch Program;

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program's emphasis on providing children access to healthy meals greatly benefits the 50% of District children that are at risk of hunger and the 80% that reportedly do not get enough servings of fruits and vegetables each day;

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy established National School Lunch Week, which recognizes the National School Lunch Program, helps to increase student participation in the National School Lunch Program, and demonstrates to parents that schools are serving nutritious and delicious lunches; and

WHEREAS, "School Lunch: Recipes for Success" is the theme for 2017 National School Lunch Week.

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

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes the vital role of the National School Lunch Program and declares October 9 through October 13, 2017 as "National School Lunch Week" 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.