

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 7, 2017

To congratulate *Meet the Press* on its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to recognize its longtime role as a premier political affairs television program.

WHEREAS, *Meet the Press* is a weekly television program that offers interviews with national and global leaders, analysis of current events, and reviews of weekly news;

WHEREAS, *Meet the Press* is the longest-running television program in television history, with the initial episode airing on November 6, 1947;

WHEREAS, the radio program *American Mercury Presents: Meet the Press* preceded and inspired the television program;

WHEREAS, in September 2015, *Meet the Press* debuted its daily counterpart, *Meet the Press Daily*;

WHEREAS, in September 2016, *Meet the Press* launched an accompanying podcast, *1947: The Meet the Press Podcast*;

WHEREAS, *Meet the Press* regularly interviews prominent leaders and has interviewed every President of the United States since John F. Kennedy;

WHEREAS, Martha Rountree served as the first moderator of *Meet the Press*, followed by Ned Brooks, Lawrence E. Spivak, Bill Monroe, Roger Mudd, Marvin Kalb, Chris Wallace, Garrick Utley, Tim Russert, Tom Brokaw, David Gregory, and current moderator, Chuck Todd;

WHEREAS, *Meet the Press* has made its home in the District of Columbia, filming episodes at the NBC studio in Upper Northwest;

WHEREAS, *Meet the Press* was the most-watched Sunday morning political affairs show for the 2016–2017 season, garnering 3.6 million viewers; and

WHEREAS, *Meet the Press* and the American Film Institute (“AFI”) are partnering on the inaugural Meet the Press Film Festival, which celebrates both *Meet the Press*’ 70<sup>th</sup>

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anniversary and AFI's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and will feature politically focused and issue-oriented short documentaries.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Meet the Press 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2017".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates *Meet the Press* for 70 years of weekly interviews with world leaders addressing politics, economics, foreign policy, and public affairs.

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