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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 7, 2017

To join The Kosciuszko Foundation in recognizing and honoring the memory of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, an extraordinary hero, for his singular contributions to the freedoms we all enjoy as Americans, and for his commitment to “freedom for all,” which remains a shining example to the District of Columbia and her citizens, and to declare December 2, 2017, as “General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, The Kosciuszko Foundation marks 2017 as the 200th anniversary of the death of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko;

WHEREAS, General Thaddeus Kosciuszko demonstrated death-defying bravery during his 7-year of service in George Washington’s Continental Army during the Revolutionary War;

WHEREAS, General Kosciuszko was instrumental in the key American victory at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777;

WHEREAS, General Kosciuszko was a skilled engineer who fortified West Point and authored the United States Army’s First artillery manual;

WHEREAS, General Kosciuszko led the insurrection of 1794 in his native Poland against the Russian occupation;

WHEREAS, General Kosciuszko was a strong proponent of the abolition of serfdom in Europe and slavery in America, who exhorted his American friends to fulfill the promise of their doctrine of inalienable rights for all by ending slavery;

WHEREAS, General Kosciuszko left his American estate to his friend Thomas Jefferson with instructions that it be used to purchase the freedom of American slaves and provide for their education; and

WHEREAS, General Kosciuszko’s commitment to liberty and equality are an inspiration to this day.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and salutes General Thaddeus Kosciuszko for his unwavering commitment (in the words of Thomas Jefferson) to “that liberty which is to go to all, and not to the few or rich alone”, an ideal relevant to this day to the District of Columbia and her citizens, and declares December 2, 2017, as “General Thaddeus Kosciuszko 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.