

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 10, 2018

To congratulate Greater Greater Washington on its 10th anniversary and to recognize the organization for its many accomplishments and achievements.

WHEREAS, Greater Greater Washington was founded in 2008 by David Alpert;

WHEREAS, Greater Greater Washington is a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization that brings people together online and offline to discuss, organize, and advocate for an inclusive, diverse, growing Washington, D.C. region where all people can choose to live in walkable urban communities;

WHEREAS, Greater Greater Washington's website reaches 130,000 unique visitors a month, and 1.5 million unique visitors in the last 12 months;

WHEREAS, over the decade since its inception, Greater Greater Washington has featured 12,254 articles, with nearly 95% of those articles written by volunteers;

WHEREAS, over the decade since its inception, 482 volunteers have contributed to Greater Greater Washington;

WHEREAS, in 2014, Greater Greater Washington was named as one of the "best city blogs around the world" by The Guardian;

WHEREAS, in 2015, Washingtonian Magazine named Greater Greater Washington the "best local blog";

WHEREAS, over the past 10 years, Greater Greater Washington has successfully advocated on important issues that affect the District of Columbia, such as restoring streetcar funding, increased Metro funding, a new zoning code, identification of more than 100 vacant and blighted properties not previously recorded, and coordinating a diverse coalition to submit amendments to the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Plan that prioritized more affordable housing;

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WHEREAS, for the past 10 years, Greater Greater Washington, under the leadership of David Alpert, his staff, its Board of Directors, and its dedicated volunteers, has contributed greatly to improving the quality of life in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Greater Greater Washington will celebrate its 10th anniversary on March 14, 2018 at the Apollo Apartments.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Greater Greater Washington 10th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates Greater Greater Washington for 10 years of coverage and advocacy for smarter urbanism in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

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