

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

22-287

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 10, 2018

To honor the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance on the occasion of its 47th anniversary and to recognize the distinguished citizens and organizations to which it will pay tribute at its anniversary reception.

WHEREAS, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC (“GLAA”) was founded in April 1971 to advance the cause of equal rights for gay people in the District of Columbia through peaceful participation in the political process;

WHEREAS, GLAA ranks as the oldest continuously active gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender rights organization in the country;

WHEREAS, GLAA has long fought to improve District government services to LGBT people, from the police and fire departments to the Department of Health and the Office of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, GLAA played a key role in winning marriage equality in the District, working with coalition partners and District of Columbia officials to craft and implement a strategy for achieving a strong, sustainable victory;

WHEREAS, GLAA has participated in lobbying efforts to defeat undemocratic and discriminatory amendments to the District’s budget;

WHEREAS, GLAA has been an advocate for a safe and affirming educational environment for sexual minority youth;

WHEREAS, GLAA has educated District voters by rating candidates for Mayor and Council;

WHEREAS, GLAA has provided leadership in coalition efforts on a wide range of public issues, from family law to human rights, healthcare, youth and seniors, and public safety:

WHEREAS, GLAA maintains a comprehensive website of LGBT advocacy materials, as well as the GLAA Forum blog to enhance its outreach; and

WHEREAS, GLAA, at its 47th Anniversary Reception on April 26, 2018, will present its Distinguished Service Awards to those who have served the LGBT community in the District of Columbia, specifically: Mary Cheh, Councilmember Ward 3, Don Blanchon, Executive Director Whitman-Walker Health, and Check It Enterprises.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance 47th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes GLAA on the occasion of its 47th Anniversary Reception on April 26, 2018 and thanks its members for their long record of dedicated service that has advanced the welfare not only of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community but of the entire population of the District of Columbia.

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