

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

22-288

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 10, 2018

To recognize and honor Betsy Keeler for her tireless dedication and commitment to the residents of the District of Columbia, to commend and congratulate her on her retirement, and to declare March 22, 2018 as “Betsy Keeler Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Betsy Keeler has provided 25 years of government service, first with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and since 2005 as Deputy Director of the Office of Economic Development Finance for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer;

WHEREAS, Betsy Keeler is one of the pre-eminent experts in tax increment financing for the District of Columbia and has provided guidance on major economic development projects for the benefit of District residents, including the Wharf, the Yards, Capper Carrollsberg, and the Washington Nationals Baseball Stadium;

WHEREAS, Betsy Keeler has worked on just about every TIF, PILOT, and TAFAs the city has reviewed, including those that have been issued;

WHEREAS, Betsy Keeler is well respected as a public servant of honesty, integrity, intelligence, and good humor;

WHEREAS, Betsy Keeler was born in Turkey on New Year’s Day, and legend has it that for many years she was blessed with 2 birthdays so her parents could take advantage of the child tax credit (because it was still New Year’s Eve in the United States);

WHEREAS, Betsy and her husband are the proud parents of 2 young adults (neither of whom live locally) but she is still able to mother them from afar, when needed;

WHEREAS, Betsy Keeler, while working in the Office of Economic Development Finance for the Chief Financial Officer, is a founding and longstanding member of the Office of the Grinch, sometimes also referred to as a “Grinchette”, under the direction of former director,

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John Ross; and

WHEREAS, even though her official last day was later in the month, the celebration of Betsy's retirement was March 22, 2018, and, therefore, March 22, 2018 is declared as "Betsy Keeler Day" in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Betsy Keeler Recognition Resolution of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Betsy Keeler for her dedication and commitment to the District of Columbia and her residents and declares March 22, 2018, as "Betsy Keeler 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.