

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 10, 2018

To acknowledge the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, an organization dedicated to uniting secular and interfaith partners, for its efforts to lead the Rally to End Racism in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHEREAS, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA has decided to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which occurred on Thursday, April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee, with the Rally to End Racism on the National Mall;

WHEREAS, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA was established in 1950 to unite individuals of all backgrounds to pursue a shared agenda of peace, progress, and positive change;

WHEREAS, the Rally to End Racism is just one of many efforts organized under the Truth and Justice Initiative, a comprehensive multiyear project established to dismantle systemic racism, increase economic equality for all citizens, and foster a more inclusive American community.

WHEREAS, the Rally to End Racism, in like manner of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Poor People's Campaign, was launched to highlight and resolve the injustices found in our criminal justice, education, employment, health care, voting, and environmental justice systems;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is home to many renowned individuals, activists, and organizations whose efforts were vital to the movement to address racism and inequality in the United States of America; and

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WHEREAS, the District of Columbia, despite its significant contributions to the greater society, has not been granted the right to equal congressional representation and remains subject to excessive congressional oversight and unjust practices.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Rally to End Racism and Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA’s Rally to End Racism on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the launch of the comprehensive multiyear Truth and Racial Justice Initiative.

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