

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 1, 2018

To recognize and congratulate the Greater Washington Community Foundation on its 45th anniversary and to recognize the organization for its many accomplishments and achievements.

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation was formed in 1973 by business and community leaders to provide a permanent source of philanthropic capital for the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region;

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation strengthens the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region by encouraging and supporting effective giving and by providing leadership on critical issues in our community;

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation serves the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Northern Virginia, and Prince George's County, and is part of a network of nearly 700 community foundations nationwide, each a tax-exempt, public charity made up of charitable giving funds established by individuals, families, corporations, and other organizations;

WHEREAS, from 2001-2008, The Community Foundation administered the \$26 million Survivor's Fund, the largest fund in the United States devoted solely to providing emergency services to families and victims of the 9/11 Pentagon attack;

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 2007, The Community Foundation's Greater Washington Workforce Development Collaborative has helped more than 6,200 local workers advance job training, skills, and credentials to earn family-sustaining wages;

WHEREAS, in 2008, The Community Foundation's Neighbors in Need Fund was established, and has mobilized more than \$5 million to help residents hit hardest by the economic crisis with food, shelter, clothing, foreclosure prevention, and healthcare services;

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WHEREAS, in 2017, The Community Foundation’s Resilience Fund was established to provide support to local nonprofits responding to changes in federal policy affecting our region’s residents;

WHEREAS, in June 2017, The Community Foundation changed its name to the Greater Washington Community Foundation;

WHEREAS, since its inception 45 years ago, the Greater Washington Community Foundation has impacted countless lives and has granted out more than \$1 billion to over 8,000 nonprofit organizations;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2018, the Greater Washington Community Foundation celebrated its 45th anniversary at the 2018 Celebration of Philanthropy, held at Ronald Arena Stage in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of President and CEO Bruce McNamer, the Greater Washington Community Foundation continues to provide community leadership and investments in safety net, education, and workforce development solutions to help our most vulnerable neighbors achieve economic security.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Greater Washington Community Foundation 45th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the Greater Washington Community Foundation for 45 years of service and advocacy, and commends the organization for its many contributions to the District of Columbia.

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