

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 1, 2018

To recognize and honor the Salvation Army National Capital Area Command on the occasion of National Salvation Army Week and to declare May 14 through May 20, 2018, as “National Salvation Army Week” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, since 1885, the Salvation Army National Capital Area Command has offered programs that feed, shelter, and empower individuals in need who reside in the District of Columbia metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army National Capital Area Command served more than 66,000 people in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area last year and, of that number, over 20,000 were District of Columbia residents;

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army has 3 key programs that serve District residents: the Turning Point Center for Women and Children, which provides young mothers experiencing homelessness with transitional housing, case management, and independent living skills to help them achieve a future of stability and self-sufficiency; the Harbor Light Center, a 136-bed residential drug and alcohol treatment program providing individual and group therapy and recovery services; and the Grate Patrol program, a mobile meal and homeless outreach program providing an evening meal and street-side case management services 365 nights per year;

WHEREAS, National Salvation Army week was originally declared by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954 and has been observed during the week following Mother’s Day each year since;

WHEREAS, the original proclamation notes, “Among Americans, The Salvation Army has long been a symbol of wholehearted dedication to the cause of human brotherhood... Their work has been a constant reminder to us all that each of us is neighbor and kin to all Americans. By giving freely of themselves, the men and women of The Salvation Army have won the respect of us all.”; and

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WHEREAS, the Salvation Army National Capital Area Command, along with its volunteers, donors, and business and government partners, is honored to serve the local community in accordance with its mission, “to meet human needs without discrimination”.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as “National Salvation Army Week Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Salvation Army’s observance of National Salvation Army Week in the Nation’s Capital, and declares May 14 through May 20, 2018, as “National Salvation Army Week” 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.