

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2018

To recognize the contributions of La Clínica del Pueblo on its 35th anniversary and the career of La Clínica Del Pueblo's Executive Director Alicia Wilson.

WHEREAS, La Clínica del Pueblo ("La Clínica") was founded in 1983 as a free one-room clinic serving the health care needs of Latino immigrants and Central American refugees;

WHEREAS, the founders of La Clínica were a group of Salvadoran activists from the Central American Refugee Center and members of the not-for-profit Plenty International group;

WHEREAS, in the late 1980s, both patients and staff of La Clínica participated in demonstrations against U.S. interventionist policy in Central America, the cause of a number of the refugee crises that impacted a substantial portion of La Clínica's patients;

WHEREAS, the caring environment of La Clínica provided an essential safe haven for Central American refugees and undocumented immigrants, many of whom struggled with traumas inflicted both in their country of origin and in the United States;

WHEREAS, La Clínica was incorporated as a not-for-profit in 1995 and became a Federally Qualified Health Clinic in 2007;

WHEREAS, La Clínica has resided on 15th Street, N.W., in the Columbia Heights neighborhood since 2003, and has served as a nexus for families and communities across the District;

WHEREAS, in its new location, La Clínica continued to improve upon its work in mental health, HIV/AIDS prevention, health-centric community activism, and more;

WHEREAS, La Clínica has filled a vital role in providing access to comprehensive bilingual health services, serving thousands of patients per year in its District and Hyattsville locations;

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WHEREAS, the Council congratulates La Clínica in celebrating 35 years of work in healthcare, equity, community, and activism in the District;

WHEREAS, La Clínica's Executive Director Alicia Wilson has ensured that all of the above functions of La Clínica have reached their highest potential in her 18 years with the organization;

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson has served La Clínica and the District's Latino community in several roles – first as a case manager for HIV-positive populations, then as a successful Director of Grants and Contracts, and finally as Executive Director since 2009;

WHEREAS, the mission and impact of La Clínica continue to expand under Ms. Wilson's leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson has been a strong leader in healthcare advocacy for the Latino community and the District writ large, having testified numerous times before the Council.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "La Clínica del Pueblo and Alicia Wilson Recognition Resolution of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors La Clínica del Pueblo's 35-year commitment to building a healthy Latino community in the District, and Alicia Wilson's contributions to that end as La Clínica's Executive Director.

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