

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 2, 2018

To recognize and congratulate the Wanda Alston Foundation on the occasion of its 10th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Wanda Alston Foundation opened its doors in 2008 as the only housing program in the District of Columbia solely dedicated to offering pre-independent transitional living and support services to homeless or at-risk LGBTQ youth ages 16 to 24 years in all 8 wards;

WHEREAS, the Wanda Alston House is a transition housing program that provides much-needed housing for homeless LGBTQ youth in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Wanda Alston House's namesake honors Wanda Alston, a fierce advocate of housing programs for homeless and at-risk LGBTQ youth who was murdered in 2005;

WHEREAS, Wanda Alston's legacy of activism, advocacy, and determination to ensure equal access to a higher quality of life lives on through the Wanda Alston House;

WHEREAS, the Wanda Alston House provides not only a safe place for youth to live, but also includes life skills training and links to other social services;

WHEREAS, over 40 youths have passed through the doors of the Wanda Alston House before going on to find permanent housing and success in life;

WHEREAS, the Wanda Alston Foundation also offers the Capacity Building Assistance Program, which helps community allies better understand and work with LGBTQ youth;

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2018, the Wanda Alston Foundation will celebrate its 10th anniversary at the Ajax in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, after 10 years of service to the District of Columbia, the Wanda Alston Foundation, under the leadership of Executive Director June Crenshaw, continues its

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commitment to providing housing, health, and hope to the most vulnerable LGBTQ homeless youth in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Wanda Alston Foundation 10th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and congratulates the Wanda Alston Foundation on the occasion of its 10th anniversary and commends its commitment to ensuring that LGBTQ youth have access to services that improve their overall quality of life.

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