

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 16, 2018

To declare October 13 through October 21, 2018, as the “District of Columbia Week of Non-Violence” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, violence, and its collateral trauma, impacts residents across the District;

WHEREAS, movements of non-violence are the cornerstones of historic political and social change;

WHEREAS, world leaders including Desmond Tutu, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and César Chavez demonstrated non-violence in the face of brutality and struggle;

WHEREAS, bold women such as Rosa Parks, Ella Barker, and Dolores Huerta fought for justice amplifying a collective voice through grassroots participation and activism in lieu of violence and force;

WHEREAS, the District strives to prevent violence through increased knowledge and training of conflict resolution, mediation, mental health awareness, anger management, and de-escalation;

WHEREAS, suppressing violence, in all its forms, demands the resourceful and dedicated collaboration of families, the community, faith-based stakeholders, and District agencies;

WHEREAS, effective and sustainable violence-cessation strategies are rooted in a holistic public health approach;

WHEREAS, Black Women for Positive Change, a national non-partisan civil organization, has called for an annual week to promote peaceful action, justice, and inclusivity; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. proffered that “Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate...resists violence of the spirit as well as the body...is spontaneous, unmotivated, unselfish and creative.”

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “District of Columbia Week of Non-Violence Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes that nonviolence is the only true defense to peace, and declares October 13, through October 21, 2018, as “District of Columbia Week of Non-Violence” 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.