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Councilmember Brandon T. Todd

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor and recognize the work of Mary's Center on the occasion of its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

WHEREAS, Maria S. Gomez opened Mary's Center in an Adams Morgan basement in 1988;

WHEREAS, in 1994, Mary's Center moved to its current headquarters at 2333 Ontario Road, NW;

WHEREAS, in 2008, Mary's Center opened a location in Silver Spring, it's first Maryland location;

WHEREAS, in 2011, Mary's Center opened a new site at 3912 Georgia Avenue, NW in the Petworth neighborhood of Ward 4 and began managing the Bernice Fonteneau Senior Wellness Center at 3531 Georgia Avenue, NW;

WHEREAS, in 2011, the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) presented Mary's Center with the 2011 Affiliate of the Year Award, which is the highest honor bestowed on an NCLR Affiliate in recognition of exemplary work in serving its community and supporting NCLR's policy and programmatic initiatives;

WHEREAS, in 2012, Mary's Center opened its first location in Prince George's County, Maryland;

WHEREAS, in 2012, Maria S. Gomez was named a recipient of the 2012 Presidential Citizens Medal, the nation's second-highest civilian honor;

WHEREAS, in 2015, Mary's Center opened Sonography Clinic at its Ontario Road location and a Home Visiting/Healthy Start site at 4302 Georgia Avenue, NW;

WHEREAS, in 2016, Mary's Center opened a new site at 100 Gallatin Street, NE, in partnership with Briya and Bridges Public Charter Schools;

34 WHEREAS, in 2016, Mary's Center was named a "2016 Top-Rated Nonprofit" by  
35 GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews of charities and nonprofits;

36 WHEREAS, in 2017, Mary's Center assumed management of Hattie Holmes  
37 Senior Wellness Center at 324 Kennedy Street, NW, opened a dedicated behavioral  
38 health center, and opened Mary's Center Pharmacy at its Georgia Avenue location;

39 WHEREAS, in 2017, Mary's Center provided over \$6.7 million in free care to  
40 12,801 individuals throughout the Washington, DC region;

41 WHEREAS, in 2018, Mary's Center opened a new medical center in Montgomery  
42 County to replace its existing site in Silver Spring;

43 WHEREAS, in February 2018, the Health Resources and Services Administration  
44 (HRSA) recognized Mary's Center as having the best overall clinical performance  
45 measures among 1,400 community health centers in the nation;

46 WHEREAS, in June 2018, Mary's Center was awarded the gold medal in the Oral  
47 Health category of the third annual Henry Schein Cares Medal program;

48 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Maria S. Gomez, Mary's Center has grown  
49 into a nationally recognized humanitarian organization with a staff of over 600  
50 employees and an annual operating budget over \$59 million; and

51 WHEREAS, Mary's Center continues to provide comprehensive healthcare,  
52 social services, education and workforce development to under-resourced, uninsured  
53 and underserved individuals in the Washington, DC metropolitan region and the  
54 District values and appreciates Mary's Center's services.

55 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
56 resolution may be cited as the "Mary's Center 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremonial Recognition  
57 Resolution of 2018".

58 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and thanks Maria S. Gomez for her contributions  
59 and commitment to the District of Columbia and congratulates Mary's Center on its 30<sup>th</sup>  
60 Anniversary.

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