

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 25, 2019

To recognize and honor the Friends organizations of the D.C. Public Library for the dedicated and valuable service provided to the D.C. Public Library and the citizens of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the D.C. Public Library Federation of Friends, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 1985 to coordinate funding for a mural of Martin Luther King, Jr. and has since secured and administered over \$4 million in funding for D.C. Public Library programs, with literacy and children's programs as key focus areas;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Public Library Friends groups are Anacostia Friends, Friends of Chevy Chase (D.C.) Library, Friends of Cleveland Park Library, Deanwood Library Friends, Friends of the Dorothy I. Height/Benning Road Library, Friends of the Francis A. Gregory Library, Georgetown Library Friends, Juanita E. Thornton-Shepherd Park Friends, Lamond-Riggs Library Friends, Lockridge/Bellevue Library Friends, MLK Library Friends, Mt. Pleasant Friends, Northeast Library Friends, Parklands-Turner Friends, Friends of the Palisades Library, Friends of the Petworth Library, Friends of the Regional Library for the Blind, Friends of the Rosedale Library, Southeast/Northeast Friends of the Capitol View Library, Friends of Southeast Library, Friends of Southwest Library, Friends of the Takoma Park (D.C.) Neighborhood Library, Friends of the Tenley-Friendship Library, Friends of the Watha T. Daniels/Shaw Branch Library, West End Library Friends and the Friends of Woodridge Library;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Public Library Friends groups are comprised of volunteers who use the D.C. Public Library and reside throughout the 8 Wards of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Public Library Friends groups are strong advocates for D.C. Public Library services, programs, facilities and funding at the community level and before the Council of the District of Columbia and the Mayor's Office;

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WHEREAS, the D.C. Public Library Friends groups organized and created the DCPL Federation of Friends in 1990 to maximize their advocacy, to strengthen their fundraising, and to share skills and talent;

WHEREAS, through the strong advocacy of the D.C. Public Library Friends groups and the DCPL Federation of Friends, the D.C. Public Library has experienced consistent and increasing levels of funding that have significantly impacted the collections, programs, technology, and facilities of the D.C. Public Library;

WHEREAS, the advocacy and support of the D.C. Public Library Friends groups and the DCPL Federation of Friends have been instrumental in securing funding to renovate the historic Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library; and

WHEREAS, the D.C. Public Library Friends groups and the DCPL Federation of Friends have contributed to the growing success and recognition of the District of Columbia's library system as it becomes a world class 21st century library system.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Friends of D.C. Public Library Appreciation Day Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors the D.C. Public Library Friends groups and the DCPL Federation of Friends for the valuable and dedicated service they have provided to the D.C. Public Library and to the residents of the District of Columbia, and proclaims July 15, 2019, as "Friends of the D.C. Public Library Appreciation Day" 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.