

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-135

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 17, 2019

To declare September 20, 2019 Park(ing) Day in the District of the Columbia.

WHEREAS, in 2005 a group of urban designers converted a parking spot in San Francisco into a miniature park with living grass, a potted tree, and a bench.

WHEREAS, the following year, the Trust for Public Land sponsored similar efforts in all of the cities where it has offices and Park(ing) Day began to spread worldwide, including the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) first participating in 2013.

WHEREAS, cities big and small, from Ames, Iowa to Accra, Ghana have installed temporary parks for Park(ing) Day.

WHEREAS, Park(ing) Day is an opportunity to recapture asphalt and sidewalks in the District and emphasize the importance of green space.

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is committed to providing high-quality green space for all residents, and in 2019, the Trust for Public Land ranked the District’s park system first in the country, finding that 98% of District residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park.

WHEREAS, since 2014 all Members of the D.C. Council have donated their parking spots on Pennsylvania Avenue to create green space for Park(ing) Day.

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WHEREAS, in 2018, DDOT approved 29 temporary parks throughout the District for Park(ing) Day.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Park(ing) Day 2019 Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares September 20, 2019 to be Park(ing) Day in the District of Columbia and reaffirms the Council’s commitment to preserving and developing green space 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.