

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-207

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 3, 2019

To declare January 2020 as “National Mentoring Month” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, mentors and mentoring programs are a valuable asset to all communities in the District of Columbia and across the United States and promote positive social attitudes and relationships;

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month was launched in 2002 by MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership (MENTOR) and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health to focus national attention on the need for mentors as well as celebrate mentoring and the positive effect it has on so many lives;

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month has been recognized via proclamation by both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama;

WHEREAS, mentors have a significant impact on academic success and according to research and data reported by MENTOR, students who meet regularly with their mentors are 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip a class;

WHEREAS, youth who have a mentor are more likely to attend and be more engaged in school, finish high school and continue onto college, and form more positive social attitudes and relationships;

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month continues to be important because it recognizes the vital role that mentors play in the lives of so many young people and the value mentors add to our communities; and

WHEREAS, recognizing January as National Mentoring Month reaffirms the District’s commitment to supporting mentors and mentoring programs in the District.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “National Mentoring Month Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and supports “National Mentoring Month”, urges citizens to volunteer their time and energies with mentoring programs, and celebrates and honors the importance of quality mentoring programs in the District and around the United States.

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