

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-213

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 3, 2019

To recognize the important work of For Love of Children and to honor the organization's 54 years of service to the District of Columbia and its young scholars.

WHEREAS, November 12<sup>th</sup> marked the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of For Love of Children (FLOC);

WHEREAS, FLOC was founded in 1965 and has served more than 10,000 children and youth, and is one of the most respected nonprofits in the Metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, FLOC's mission is to open the doors to success in life by ensuring every child reaches his or her potential, regardless of zip code, skin color, or family status;

WHEREAS, FLOC's dedicated staff and volunteers assist nearly 600 students per year in District of Columbia schools, FLOC facilities, and partner organizations across the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, FLOC provides educational services beyond the classroom to help students succeed from first grade through college and in their respective careers;

WHEREAS, throughout FLOC's 54-year history, it has operated with the belief that education provides young people with the tools they need to transform their lives, their families' lives, and the communities around them;

WHEREAS, FLOC has built a multi-layered approach to support and guide each of its young scholars to successful completion of a college degree;

WHEREAS, according to the DC Alliance for Youth Advocates, there are approximately 8,300 young people ages 16 to 24 in the District of Columbia who are not enrolled in school;

WHEREAS, FLOC's Neighborhood Tutoring Program provides students with tutoring to prevent them from falling behind in reading and math;

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WHEREAS, FLOC's Scholars Program exposes students to experiences, information, and activities that build skills to help them progress in their educational journeys and into their chosen careers;

WHEREAS, in the past six years, FLOC has helped 96 students navigate the college application process and build the skills they need to be successful in college and their careers; and

WHEREAS, of the 96 students, 100% graduated from high school; 56 are currently enrolled in college; 35 have received scholarships; and 15 have received postsecondary degrees.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of For Love of Children Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the past and future commitments and contributions of For Love of Children, its staff, and many volunteers.

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