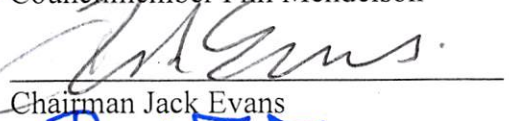
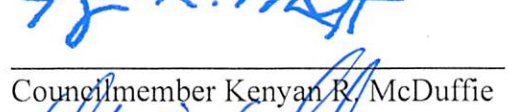


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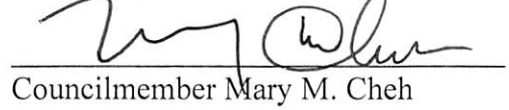
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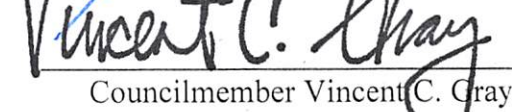
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33 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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38 To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Metropolitan Women's Democratic Club and
39 honor the organization's many significant social, cultural, and political contributions to the
40 District of Columbia and our nation.

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42 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Women's Democratic Club is the oldest known African
43 American Female Political Club in the District of Columbia;

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44 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club was organized in March 1960
45 by noted Author and Journalist Ethel Payne and a group of activist women as a means of
46 speaking in support of women voices;
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48 WHEREAS, the mission of the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club is to support the
49 principles and programs of the Democratic Party and to work for the Party’s bold causes at both
50 the local and national levels by learning the techniques of political action;
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52 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club supports and espouses the
53 tenets of the Democratic Party and is engaged in every level of the Democratic structure;
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55 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club is a member of the DC
56 Federation of Democratic Women, the Democratic State Committee, the Democratic National
57 Committee, and the National Federation of Democratic Women;
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59 WHEREAS, since its inception, the members of the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic
60 Club have contributed significantly to the growth and development of the District of Columbia;
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62 WHEREAS, many members of the club have served in elected and appointed positions
63 within District government;
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65 WHEREAS, in June 1960, the members of the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club
66 participated in the successful effort for the ratification of the 23rd Amendment, which gave to the
67 residents of the District of Columbia the right to vote in presidential elections, and worked with
68 the presidential assembly in organizing the basic political structure of the city;
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70 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic club is a strong proponent of
71 Statehood and has worked on a local and national level for the District of Columbia to become
72 the 51st state;
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74 WHEREAS, in June 1965, the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club was one of the
75 first women’s groups to rally on the steps of Capitol Hill with activist and comedian Dick
76 Gregory and other national and local leaders in support of DC Statehood;
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78 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club continued engaging women in
79 local politics and addressed urban and civic issues through the lens of women voices during its
80 organization of an annual Women in Blue Lobby Day with the DC City Council and, in March
81 2017, designed and initiated a national Women In Blue lobbying campaign, bringing National
82 Federation of Democratic Women members from 43 states to Congress to advocate for issues
83 supporting women, families and children;
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85 WHEREAS, in March 2018, the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club honored ten of
86 its trailblazers on whose shoulders we stand and who continue to be engaged in community

87 affairs, charitable causes, voter registration and education efforts, empowering citizens to
88 improve the quality of life within our city;

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90 WHEREAS, three members of the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club have served
91 as President of the National Federation of Democratic Women, two members were awarded the
92 National Legislator of the Year recognition, and many other members previously and currently
93 serve as regional directors of the National Federation of Democratic Women;

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95 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club serves as an advocate for
96 women and is at the forefront of working for women rights, equal rights, human rights and the
97 ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

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99 WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 21st at the InterContinental Hotel in Washington, DC,
100 the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club will celebrate 60 years of working in support of
101 women voices, strengthening the Democratic Party, and helping elect Democrats at every level
102 of government both locally and nationally.

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104 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
105 resolution may be cited as the “Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club Recognition Resolution
106 of 2020.”

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108 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Metropolitan Women’s
109 Democratic Club on 60 years of political and social activism, charitable actions, empowerment
110 of women and African Americans, and so much more.

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