

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-230

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 7, 2020

To recognize The Clash, a band from the United Kingdom, for their notable and important contributions to music, and proclaim February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, International Clash Day.

WHEREAS, legendary UK band The Clash formed in 1976, establishing their unique sound combining punk with reggae, dub, funk, and ska, behind socially conscious lyrics;

WHEREAS, throughout their career, the Clash used the power of music to share messages of peace, unity, anti-imperialism, anti-racism, poverty awareness, and freedom of expression;

WHEREAS, The Clash chose to play The Ontario Theatre in Washington, D.C. on February 15, 1979, as the sixth show of their very first North American tour, and returned to The Lisner Auditorium on April 8, 1984, further endearing the band to a legion of fans that would go on to proclaim them “the only band that matters;”

WHEREAS, The Clash inspired socially conscious bands such as Bad Brains, The Pietasters, Teen Idles, Minor Threat, and Fugazi to form in order to advocate for disadvantaged people in their city;

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia affirms that this city is a Hate Free Zone, committed to a set of values including inclusivity, tolerance, diversity and hope;

WHEREAS, the civically and globally minded District of Columbia wishes to join with other like-minded cities across the globe in celebrating International Clash Day; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia adheres to the belief in the immortal words of Joe Strummer, “People can change anything they want to, and that means everything in the world.”

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “International Clash Day Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes The Clash for their notable and important contributions to music and declares February 7, 2020 to be International Clash Day in the District of Columbia.

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