

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 3, 2020

To recognize the month of May 2020 as Teacher Appreciation Month, to honor all teachers for the contributions they make to the next generation and society, and to declare May 3, 2020 through May 9, 2020 as “Teacher Appreciation Week” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, education is integral in advancing society and providing knowledge of the world around us;

WHEREAS, education develops a perspective of critical thinking where opinions and beliefs can be formed;

WHEREAS, education within the District of Columbia has the capacity to positively impact the next generation of leaders and teach them to advance society in technology, policy, science, literature, and more;

WHEREAS, qualified, passionate, and dedicated teachers serve as educators to expand the imaginations of the next generation;

WHEREAS, teachers in the District of Columbia are the pillars of a successful school system by providing guidance and confidence in learning;

WHEREAS, teachers help students acquire knowledge, competence and virtue on numerous subjects and topics;

WHEREAS, teachers help to bolster and encourage self-esteem and courage in their students;

WHEREAS, teachers serve multiple roles in their classrooms including that of role model, caregiver, coach, listening ear, encourager, and mentor who help shape the lives of their students;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia’s future depends upon providing a high-quality education for every student;

WHEREAS, the teachers in the District of Columbia are entrusted with and succeed in educating our students and guiding them through the learning process;

WHEREAS, student success in the District of Columbia is nurtured in the classroom, with teachers who encourage our students to use their imaginations and instill in them a lifelong love for learning;

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WHEREAS, the District of Columbia recognizes and supports its teachers in all the work they do with the District's communities;

WHEREAS, Teacher Appreciation Month and Teacher Appreciation Week are opportunities for Washingtonians to join with teachers around the country on the critical role of shaping our children and the future of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Teacher Appreciation Week Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020."

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors all teachers in their dedication and service to the youth of our community.

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