

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-297

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 22, 2020

To recognize the week of September 19-26, 2020 as “National Expungement Week” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, National Expungement Week is a week of events across the United States that offers expungement and other forms of legal relief to some of the 77 million Americans with convictions on their records.

WHEREAS, National Expungement Week has been celebrated for 2 years;

WHEREAS, approximately 77 million or 1 in 3 adults have a criminal record;

WHEREAS, at least 67,000 residents of the District of Columbia have a criminal record.;

WHEREAS, approximately 2,800 District of Columbia residents are released from prison annually;

WHEREAS, criminal records can create barriers to housing, employment, occupational licensing, and educational opportunities;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is committed to repairing the damage caused by mass incarceration;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is committed to reducing recidivism and supporting our residents as they return from prison.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “National Expungement Week Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes that expungement and record sealing provides a chance for residents to live a productive life without the barriers caused by having a criminal record.

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