

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 10, 2020

To honor and recognize Maria Patricia Corrales for the impact that she has made through her entrepreneurship, engagement, and civic contributions to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Maria Corrales, a Ward 4 resident, is a distinguished business and community leader in the District;

WHEREAS, Maria Corrales owns Capital Construction Enterprises Inc., a women-owned CBE in the District, and through her entrepreneurial endeavors, she has helped build schools, churches, office buildings, houses, and apartments;

WHEREAS, since 2011, Maria Corrales has served as the President of Fiesta DC, which hosts the largest Latino Festival in the Washington metropolitan region with over 150,000 participants;

WHEREAS, Fiesta DC is recognized nationally as an excellent event showcasing the great pride and beauty of Latino people and culture;

WHEREAS, Latin Americans from all around the Washington metropolitan area and beyond gather to celebrate Fiesta DC, an event that unites all Latin Americans with all peoples of all communities in our area by exposing the Latin American culture, cuisine, arts, and more, which are part of their heritage and ours;

WHEREAS, September 19, 2020, was the 49th anniversary of Fiesta DC;

WHEREAS, Maria Corrales's tenacity and advocacy to keep Fiesta DC alive demonstrates her unconditional support of the Latino community in the District;

WHEREAS, under Maria Corrales, Fiesta DC has continued to expand and increase in popularity and cultural significance;

WHEREAS, Maria Corrales' past roles include Board Chairperson of national and local organizations such as the National Hispanic Contractor's Association,

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DC Hispanic Contractors Association, Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs and a past Commissioner of the DC Housing Trust Fund;

WHEREAS, Maria Corrales has mentored and coached entrepreneurs and community leaders to ensure Latinos are an integral fiber of the District;

WHEREAS, Maria Corrales has become a figurehead for the District's Latino community;

WHEREAS, Maria Corrales continues to work diligently for the advancement of all Latinos in the District; and

WHEREAS, Maria Corrales has remained a strong voice for Latinos in the District and has had an immense impact on the lives of our residents.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Maria Corrales for her dedication to the District's Latino community, her entrepreneurial spirit, and her many charitable and civic contributions to the District of Columbia.

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