



Councilmember Brandon T. Todd

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Bruce Johnson for his outstanding accomplishments as an award-winning broadcast journalist and commend him for his civic and charitable contributions to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson was born on May 5, 1950 in Louisville, Kentucky;

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson is a graduate and noted alumnus of Northern Kentucky University with a degree in Political Science, and he also holds a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Cincinnati;

WHEREAS, in 1976, Bruce Johnson joined WUSA 9 TV, the CBS affiliate in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, in 1992, while on assignment, Bruce Johnson suffered a massive heart attack, and documented his experience on videotape which resulted in a nationally acclaimed series of reports on cardiovascular disease;

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson used his recovery from his heart attack to promote heart health and produced and moderated the documentary "Before You Eat the Church Food, Watch This Video";

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson is a local and national heart health advocate, and Mended Hearts.org awarded him a life membership for his work;

WHEREAS, during Bruce Johnson's career he has covered international stories and special reports in his role as reporter and anchor for the acclaimed "Capitols of the World" documentary series;

44 WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson has authored two books: *Heart to Heart*, about his
45 personal journey of recovery from a heart attack; and *All or Nothing, The Victor Page*
46 *Story*;

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48 WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson is planning to release his memoir in 2021;

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50 WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson has won numerous awards, including 22 Emmys for
51 his reporting and special assignments, the "Ted Yates Award," Washington broadcast
52 journalism's highest honor; the Associated Press first place honors; the NATAS Board of
53 Governors Award; and the Capitol Press Club has twice awarded him with its highest
54 award;

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56 WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson has been inducted into NATAS Silver Circle, the
57 Washington, DC Hall of Fame, and is soon to be inducted into the Kentucky Journalism
58 Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky;

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60 WHEREAS, in 2003, Bruce Johnson was voted into the Society of Professional
61 Journalists Hall of Fame;

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63 WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson is a member of the National Press Club in
64 Washington, DC and the National Association of Black Journalists;

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66 WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson has received hundreds of civic awards from District
67 organizations, from the District's Mayors and a Resolution in his honor from the
68 Council of the District of Columbia;

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70 WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson announced on October 6, 2020 that he was retiring
71 from WUSA9 on December 31, 2020;

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73 WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson has earned a reputation as one of the nation's best
74 urban affairs and investigative journalists during his acclaimed career; and

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76 WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson and his wife live in Ward 4, and Bruce Johnson is
77 father to three children and grandfather to three grandsons.

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79 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
80 resolution may be cited as the "Bruce Johnson Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of
81 2020".

82 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and
83 congratulates Bruce Johnson for the valuable contribution he has made during his 44-
84 year career as a WUSA Channel 9 reporter and news anchor in the District of Columbia.

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