

**ENROLLED ORIGINAL**

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 4, 2021

To recognize and honor Andrew L. Ross, Ph.D., LCSW-C, for his long and distinguished career dedicated to the youth of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrew Ross came to The Children's Guild in 1995 as President and CEO, following a distinguished career at Children's Square USA in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Bellefaire-Jewish Children's Bureau in Cleveland, Ohio, when the organization had a \$6 million budget with two special needs schools and one group home;

WHEREAS, today, The Children's Guild Alliance has a budget of more than \$80 million and serves approximately 6,000 children in Maryland and Washington D.C. through special needs schools, charter schools, therapeutic group homes, a treatment foster care program, and a behavioral health program that operates in 90 schools in Maryland;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ross was instrumental in developing TranZed Apprenticeships, returning pre-school programming to The Children's Guild and establishing the Transformation Education Institute, which provides innovative ideas and makes the latest developments in neuroscience accessible to teachers and organizations throughout the U.S. and several foreign countries;

WHEREAS, among Dr. Ross's greatest contributions has been the introduction of Transformation Education and caring for the whole child. Transformation Education puts the needs of the child ahead of the needs of the adult and creates a culture of learning to meet the individualized learning styles of each child using brain-based learning methods;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ross launched Kids First, a national movement to transform the way America cares for and educates its children. He will continue to serve as senior advisor to Kids First;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ross has co-authored two books, *The Upside Down Organization: Transforming Staff to Save Troubled Children* and *Reinventing Group Care: A Guide for Transformational Living*;

WHEREAS, among his many honors, Dr. Ross was selected as one of the 10 Most

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Mannered Men in America and received the following distinctions: Innovator of the Year Award from The Daily Record for his work in child welfare; Innovator of the Year Award from the National Association Special Education Centers for his work in special education; and a Smart CEO Corporate Culture Award;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ross has been active in many professional and civic organizations over the years to include serving as president of the Towsontowne Rotary Club and a trustee of Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church. He is also active in the Order of the Sons of Italy in America and the Association of Italian American Charities;

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2021, The Children's Guild Alliance at its Kids First Celebration will honor Dr. Ross for his amazing accomplishments over the past 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrew Ross's long and distinguished career dedicated to youth in the District of Columbia and nationwide is reason for recognition and celebration.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Andrew L. Ross, Ph.D., LCSW-C Recognition Resolution of 2021".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Andrew L. Ross, Ph.D., LCSW-C, for his tireless commitment to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.