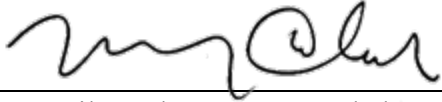


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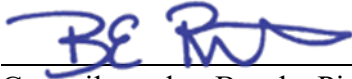
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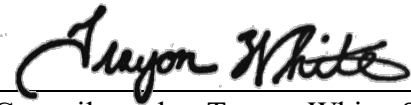
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30 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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34 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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38 To recognize the Transgender Day of Remembrance, to celebrate the resilience of transgender
39 individuals, and to declare Saturday, November 20, 2021, as “Transgender Day of
40 Remembrance” in the District of Columbia.

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42 WHEREAS, on August 7, 1995, Tyra Hunter, a Black transgender woman, suffered life-
43 threatening injuries in a traffic accident in the District of Columbia, but emergency medical

44 service technicians and other employees of the District government refused to provide her with
45 standard lifesaving medical treatment after determining that she was transgender;

46 WHEREAS, Tyra Hunter died that night, and expert testimony in a subsequent lawsuit
47 against the District of Columbia revealed that adequate medical treatment would have given her
48 an 86% chance of survival, but the District government appealed a jury verdict awarding her
49 mother \$2.9 million and insisted on a lesser settlement amount;

50 WHEREAS, in 1998, residents of Allston, Massachusetts and surrounding communities
51 came together to mourn Rita Hester, a Black transgender woman whose murder inspired the
52 Remembering Our Dead online project and eventually the Transgender Day of Remembrance
53 observed each year on November 20;

54 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has a particularly alarming history of violence
55 against transgender individuals including the murders of Zoe Spears, Ashanti Carmon, Deeniquia
56 Dodds, Deoni Jones, Lashai Mclean, Tyli’a Mack, Elexius Woodland, Bella Evangelista, Emonie
57 Spaulding, Stephanie Thomas, Ukea Davis, and too many others;

58 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia strives to be a city that is welcoming and safe for
59 all, including with its laws and budget, but the District government must continue to find ways to
60 make the District of Columbia a safe and supportive place for transgender residents and visitors
61 to thrive;

62 WHEREAS, over the past several years hateful and discriminatory rhetoric and actions
63 toward transgender individuals and communities have steadily increased, including new laws in
64 many states targeting transgender people for mistreatment;

65 WHEREAS, incarceration, homelessness, and poverty disproportionately harm
66 transgender people, especially transgender women of color, and continue to claim their lives;

67 WHEREAS, since the 2020 Transgender Day of Remembrance, transgender people in the
68 District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, have continued to die by homicide, including
69 Taya Ashton, EJ Boykin, and Danika Henson;

70 WHEREAS, the inequities faced by transgender people have claimed the lives this year
71 of Giselle Hartzog, Kim Tova Wirtz, and Nona Moselle Conner;

72 WHEREAS, many transgender community members die every year without recognition
73 of the true impact of discrimination they shouldered; and

74 WHEREAS, the transgender community and allies in the District of Columbia have
75 commemorated Transgender Day of Remembrance since 2001 and communities and
76 organizations here and around the world will observe the Transgender Day of Remembrance on
77 November 20, 2021.

78 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
79 resolution may be cited as the “Transgender Day of Remembrance Recognition Resolution of
80 2021”.

81 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares November 20, 2021, as the
82 “Transgender Day of Remembrance” in the District of Columbia.

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