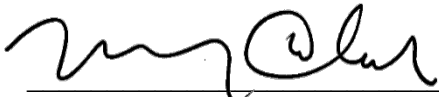


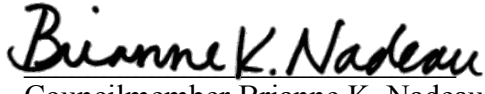


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18 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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23 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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28 To recognize, honor, and celebrate Edward C. Smith for his exemplary service and contributions
29 to the District of Columbia and its residents, on the occasion of his retirement from service
30 to the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.

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32 WHEREAS, Edward C. Smith was appointed as a firefighter to the Fire and Emergency
33 Medical Services Department (“FEMS”) in August 1992 and assigned to Engine Company 10, a
34 busy firefighting company known as the “House of Pain”, located in the Trinidad community of
35 Ward 5;

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37 WHEREAS, in 1997, Edward C. Smith was promoted to Wagon Driver, in 1999, he
38 achieved the rank of Sergeant, and in 2002, he earned the rank of Lieutenant;

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40 WHEREAS, in 2003, Edward C. Smith achieved the rank of Captain, a position he would
41 hold for 13 years;

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43 WHEREAS, he served as Captain at Rescue Squad 1 in the Chinatown neighborhood for
44 more than 9 years;

46 WHEREAS, in 2008, Edward C. Smith was first elected to serve as the Active Firefighter
47 Trustee to the District of Columbia Retirement Board, a position in which he would serve for 3
48 terms;

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50 WHEREAS, in 2011, Edward C. Smith was first elected President of the International
51 Association of Firefighters, Local 36 AFL-CIO, a position in which he would also serve for 3
52 terms;

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54 WHEREAS, during his tenure as President of Local 36, he advocated fearlessly and
55 tirelessly for his members' safety and welfare, and he worked closely and collegially with then-
56 Chief Gregory Dean, the FEMS leadership team, and the Council to implement historic changes
57 and innovative policies that have stabilized and improved FEMS;

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59 WHEREAS, as President of Local 36, he oversaw a historic arbitration that resulted in a
60 change in the calculation of overtime benefits for his members, and the implementation of this
61 litigation resulted in a large backpay payout to his membership;

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63 WHEREAS, in September 2016, Edward C. Smith attained the rank of Battalion Chief;

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65 WHEREAS, he served at that rank with the Special Operations Battalion, which responds
66 to technical rescues and hazardous materials incidents across the District;

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68 WHEREAS, in August 2019, Edward C. Smith was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief of the
69 Training Division, where he oversaw the Training Academy and prioritized fireground back to
70 basics training and safety initiatives, such as improved driver safety training;

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72 WHEREAS, in 2020, Edward C. Smith was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief of the
73 Professional Development Bureau, which includes the Human Resources Division, Payroll and
74 Compliance offices, Professional Standards Division, Training Division, and the Medical Services
75 Division;

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77 WHEREAS, as Assistant Fire Chief for Professional Development, he oversaw the
78 expansion of FEMS' O2X program, which supports members' wellness through fitness, nutrition,
79 mental health trainings, and resources;

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81 WHEREAS, on December 18, 2021, Edward C. Smith retired from FEMS after almost 30
82 years of service; and

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84 WHEREAS, Edward C. Smith is known to all as a skilled, caring, and passionate
85 firefighter, colleague, and leader.

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87 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
88 resolution may be cited as the "Edward C. Smith Recognition Resolution of 2022".

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90 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates Edward
91 C. Smith for his exemplary service and contributions to the District of Columbia and its residents,

92 on the occasion of his retirement from service to the Fire and Emergency Medical Services
93 Department.

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