

**A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION**

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**IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

April 5, 2022

To recognize and honor the importance of jazz music, and to declare April 2022 “Jazz Appreciation Month” and April 30, 2022 “International Jazz Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, jazz originated within African-American communities during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries;

WHEREAS, jazz music has produced some of America’s most innovative artistry;

WHEREAS, Washington, DC has a rich jazz history;

WHEREAS, Washington, DC is the birthplace of the great jazz pianist and bandleader Duke Ellington, singer and pianist Shirley Horn, pianist Billy Taylor, and saxophonist Frank West;

WHEREAS, the first woman of jazz, Ella Fitzgerald extended the boundaries of American popular music throughout her career, which allowed her to open doors for many African American performers who followed her;

WHEREAS, Ella Fitzgerald is credited with gaining countless new fans for jazz music with her performances and recording from the 1930s and 1940s;

WHEREAS, Jazz Appreciation Month and International Jazz Day both celebrate jazz music and its influence on the people and cultures around the world;

WHEREAS, Jazz Appreciation Month brings together schools, artists, historians, scholars, and jazz enthusiasts all over the world to celebrate and learn about jazz and its roots and future;

WHEREAS, The National Museum of American History is exploring the crosspollination of Afro-Caribbean music and jazz leading to the formation of Latin jazz as a part of its celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month;

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WHEREAS, April 30, 2022 is the 11<sup>th</sup> annual International Jazz Day; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2022, Washington, D.C. will join with cities, towns, and villages around the world in celebrating International Jazz Day with thousands of performances and programs.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Jazz Appreciation Month and International Jazz Day Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the importance of jazz music and declares April 2022 “Jazz Appreciation Month” and April 30, 2022 “International Jazz Day” in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.