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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

24-183

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 3, 2022

To celebrate the legacy and contributions to Washington, DC's culture and community of Sam 'The Man' Burns, and to declare May 31, 2022 "Sam 'The Man' Burns Day".

WHEREAS, Sam Burns was a proud native of Washington, DC, and graduate of Theodore Roosevelt High School, who was recognized as one of the best DJs and music historians in the business;

WHEREAS, Sam Burns worked tirelessly to support his local community, including dispensing musical advice and life lessons to music lovers, mentoring younger DJs, and helping to keep the DC nightlife, dance culture, and house music community alive and thriving;

WHEREAS, throughout his forty-plus year career, Sam Burns played dance music at iconic nightclubs in Washington, DC, including The Clubhouse, Chapter II, The Roxy, The Ritz, Tracks, The Insect Club, Tiffany's, Kilimanjaro, Pollen, Red, The East Side, Dragonfly, Chicago's, State of the Union, U Street Music Hall, 18<sup>th</sup> Street Lounge, and other local venues;

WHEREAS, Sam Burns was known worldwide as "The Man" for his commitment to perfection and excellence in his craft;

WHEREAS, Sam Burns was considered "The Chuck Brown of Dance Music" for his contributions to house music in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, Sam Burns was a skilled DJ with an impressive musical intuition;

WHEREAS, Sam Burns was not only an accomplished performer but also possessed humility, generosity, and willingness to help the next generation of artists, dancers, producers and DJs;

WHEREAS, Sam Burns was a classic movie aficionado who revered and championed vintage blaxploitation films;

WHEREAS, residents of Washington, DC, and around the world mourned Sam Burns's passing on March 7, 2020;

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WHEREAS, the Sam “The Man” Burns Legacy Foundation honors his contributions every May with “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Week” via cultural- and social justice-focused forums, films, festivals, and events; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2022, the Sam “The Man” Burns Legacy Foundation will host the “Salute to Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Festival” at Fort Reno Park and offer free music, dancing and live performances.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Day Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares May 31, 2022, as “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Day”.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.