

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

24-214

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 28, 2022

To recognize September 17th, 2022 as National CleanUp Day in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, National CleanUp Day is organized by Clean Trails, a nonprofit Organization founded by Steve Jewett and Bill Willoughby, that has the goal of promoting harmony with the land by encouraging stewardship and by providing mechanisms to keep the trail systems litter-free;

WHEREAS, National CleanUp Day encourages grassroots organizations and community members to clean up green spaces, urban landscapes, and waterways across the US;

WHEREAS, studies show the highest indicator that someone will pick up litter is if they witness someone else picking up litter, as peer group norms are more powerful than incentives, and together, they can provide impressive behavioral change;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia, especially in partnership with the Department of Energy and Environment and the Department of Public Works, has long been a leading city in environmental and sustainability initiatives;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has adopted policies to reduce trash and litter, such as a fee on plastic bags and a ban on foam packaging;

WHEREAS, through the Helping Hand Program, the Department of Public Works helps community groups organize Saturday neighborhood clean-up projects throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia champions and supports movements such as National CleanUp Day that promote awareness of local environments and impact positive change.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “National CleanUp Day Recognition Resolution of 2022.”

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes September 17, 2022, as National CleanUp Day to promote the preservation of greenspace in the District.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.