

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 28, 2022

To recognize September 4th, 2022 as National Wildlife Day in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, National Wildlife Day, founded in 2005 by animal behaviorist and philanthropist Colleen Paige, serves to bring awareness to endangered animals, nationally as well as globally, that need to be preserved and rescued from their demise each year;

WHEREAS, National Wildlife Day also acknowledges zoos and outstanding animal sanctuaries globally for everything they do to help preserve this planet's animals and educate the public about conservation;

WHEREAS, the National Zoo leads the Smithsonian Institution's global effort to save species, better understand ecosystems, and train future generations of conservationists;

WHEREAS, the National Zoo's breeding and veterinary research provides critical data for the management of animals in human care and valuable insights for conservation of wild animal populations;

WHEREAS, admission is always free to the National Zoo's 163-acre park in the heart of Washington, DC, which features 1,800 animals representing 360 species and is a popular destination for children and families;

WHEREAS, the International Union for Conservation of Nature has cataloged over 26,500 species threatened with extinction, demonstrating the scope of the problem we should seek to solve; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia, especially through the work of the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, recognizes the importance of preserving the earth's biodiversity.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the importance of National Wildlife Day and applauds the efforts of the Smithsonian National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute and other partners in the District in their conservation efforts.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.