

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 17, 2023

To celebrate the ceremony of the District of Columbia’s famous groundhog weatherman and political prognostician, Potomac Phil, as he delivers his highly anticipated, annual forecast on February 2, 2023, and to declare that date “D.C. Groundhog Day.”

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2023, residents and visitors of the District of Columbia will emerge to be educated on the American folklore tradition of Groundhog Day by Dupont Festival;

WHEREAS, on that morning, District residents will be reminded that if Potomac Phil emerges from his burrow and sees his shadow due to clear weather, he will retreat to his den and winter will persist for 6 more weeks and if he does not see his shadow because of cloudiness, spring will arrive early;

WHEREAS, District residents and visitors will be enlightened with the knowledge of Potomac Phil’s uncanny power of weather and political predictions; and

WHEREAS, Potomac Phil will elucidate the seasonal forecast for hundreds of individuals in and around Dupont Circle during the morning of February 2, 2023.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “D.C. Groundhog Day Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares February 2, 2023, as D.C. Groundhog Day in the Nation’s Capital.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.