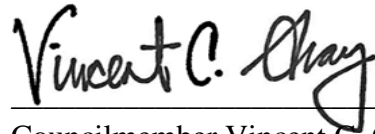


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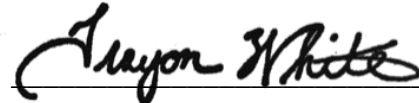
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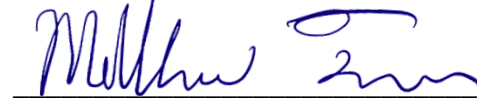
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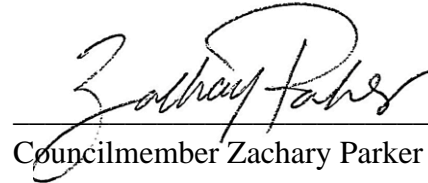
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19 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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28 To recognize the value and significance of music education in schools across the District
29 of Columbia and the country and to promote music education in communities on the occasion of
30 Music In Our Schools Month.

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32 WHEREAS, Music In Our Schools Month is observed annually in March after being
33 officially designated by the National Association for Music Education more than 30 years ago in
34 1985;

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36 WHEREAS, the Every Student Succeeds Act (Public Law 114-95; 129 Stat. 1802)
37 identified music as part of a well-rounded education;

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39 WHEREAS, the purpose of Music In Our Schools Month is to raise awareness of the
40 lasting positive impact of music education on the academic, emotional, and behavioral growth of
41 our students;

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43 WHEREAS, music education shapes the way our students understand themselves and the
44 world around them, and research has shown that music positively impacts a child's academic

45 performance, assists in developing social skills, and provides an outlet for creativity that is crucial
46 to a child’s development;

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48 WHEREAS, this month reminds us all that school is where all children should have access
49 to music, and music educators, students, and communities throughout District demonstrate the
50 importance of quality music education programs to the lives of young people;

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52 WHEREAS, District of Columbia Public Schools is committed to the arts and music in
53 education, facilitating the DCPS Arts program that works collaboratively with multiple local music
54 organizations to develop and execute programming that connects the Music Course Pathways
55 classroom curriculum with external experiences;

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57 WHEREAS, Washington, D.C. has long been home to many prominent musicians across
58 broad musical genres such as classical, jazz, rhythm & blues (R&B), bluegrass, punk rock, and its
59 own unique, locally born funk genre called go-go, which was created in the mid-1970s and in
60 2020, made the official music of the District by the Mayor;

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62 WHEREAS, legends and renowned pioneers of their time like jazz musician Duke
63 Ellington, the Godfather of Go-Go Chuck Brown, R&B and soul artist Marvin Gaye, hardcore
64 punk band Bad Brains and Minor Threat, all hail from Washington, D.C., which boast a rich
65 musical history and culture defined by barrier-breaking sound;

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67 WHEREAS, the District is considered by many to be the nation’s choral capital, which is
68 home to more than 50 professional and volunteer symphonic choruses and ensembles;

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70 WHEREAS, storied performance and concert venues are based in the District, like the 9:30
71 Club, Howard Theater, and Lincoln Theater, and the Kennedy Center, home of the Washington
72 National Opera and the National Symphony Orchestra;

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74 WHEREAS, The District is home to the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, a public high
75 school in Ward 2 named for legendary native Washingtonian Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington,
76 which prepares students in the arts and theater, including instrumental music and vocal music and
77 boasts an enviable list of notable alumni that have risen to the heights of their respective genres or
78 created new genres and sub-genres of music;

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80 WHEREAS, The Council believes that there should be robust arts and music education for
81 every student;

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83 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
84 resolution may be cited as the “District of Columbia Music In Our Schools Month Recognition
85 Resolution of 2023”.

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87 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and hereby proclaims March
88 2023 as “Music In Our Schools Month” and encourages all District residents to celebrate and
89 acknowledge that music education is essential to every student’s well-rounded education.

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Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.