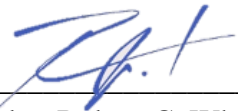




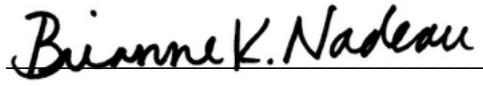
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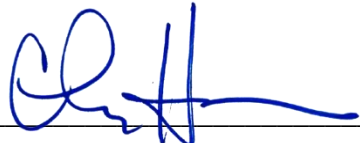

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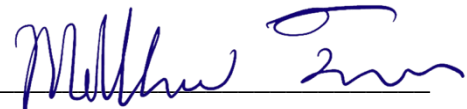
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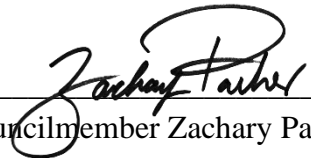

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29 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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34 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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38 To recognize and honor the importance of jazz music, and to declare April 2023 “Jazz
39 Appreciation Month” and April 30, 2023, “International Jazz Day” in the District of
40 Columbia.

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42 WHEREAS, jazz originated within African American communities during the late 19th
43 and early 20th centuries;

44 WHEREAS, jazz music has produced some of America’s most innovative artistry;

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47 WHEREAS, Washington, DC has a rich jazz history;

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49 WHEREAS, Washington, DC is the birthplace of the great jazz pianist and bandleader
50 Duke Ellington, singer and pianist Shirley Horn, pianist Billy Taylor, and saxophonist Frank
51 West;

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53 WHEREAS, the first woman of jazz, Ella Fitzgerald extended the boundaries of
54 American popular music throughout her career, which allowed her to open doors for many
55 African American performers who followed her;

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57 WHEREAS, Ella Fitzgerald is credited with gaining countless new fans for jazz music
58 with her performances and recording from the 1930s and 1940s;

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60 WHEREAS, Jazz Appreciation Month, also known as “JAM,” was created by the
61 National Museum of American History in 2001;

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63 WHEREAS, Jazz Appreciation Month and International Jazz Day both celebrate jazz
64 music and its influence on the people and cultures around the world;

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66 WHEREAS, Jazz Appreciation Month brings together schools, artist, historians, scholars,
67 and jazz enthusiasts all over the world to celebrate and learn about jazz and its roots and future;

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69 WHEREAS, this year the National Museum of American History is highlighting Miles
70 Davis by showcasing a sketch of the trumpeter created during or after his July 5, 1981
71 performance at the Lincoln Center in New York;

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73 WHEREAS, April 30, 2023, is the 12th annual International Jazz Day; and

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75 WHEREAS, on April 30, 2023, International Jazz Day, the Capitol Hill Jazz Foundation
76 will host its 5th Annual DC Jazz Leaders in Service Awards Gala and will honor Congresswoman
77 Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) as the head of the newly formed Congressional Jazz Caucus; and

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79 WHEREAS, jazz fans from across our city will join with cities, towns, and villages
80 around the world in celebrating International Jazz Day with thousands of performances and
81 programs.

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83 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
84 resolution may be cited as the “Jazz Appreciation Month and International Jazz Day Recognition
85 Resolution of 2023”.

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87 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the importance of
88 jazz music and declares April 2023 “Jazz Appreciation Month” and April 30, 2023 “International
89 Jazz Day” in the District of Columbia.

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Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first day of publication in the District of Columbia Register.