

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 5, 2024

To celebrate the culinary work of art that entails baking either savory or sweet concoctions in a cylindrical doughy crust and declare March 14, 2024, as “Pie Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, numerous cultures have developed an appreciation for pies, entailing food baked in a closed or open circular pastry;

WHEREAS, pies can be prepared with savory or sweet fillings and can be served as either a main course or a dessert;

WHEREAS, the volume of any given pie is calculated through the use of the numerical pi (π) in the formula $V = \pi r^2 h$;

WHEREAS, the aphorism “as American as apple pie” acknowledges that apple pie in particular is at the core of American culture;

WHEREAS, the association of America with apple pie became popular amongst World War II soldiers who said they fought “for mom and apple pie”;

WHEREAS, the recognition of apple pie notwithstanding, other pies are also featured on American menus including cherry, peach, and strawberry pie, as well as inferior combinations like strawberry-rhubarb pie;

WHEREAS, pies may be customized according to preference by topping with different ingredients, such as ice cream or cheddar cheese;

WHEREAS, the restaurant Pie Shop DC, a woman-owned small business, has been serving DC residents and visitors with pies and quiches since 2010;

WHEREAS, restaurants in DC also serve savory pies with a tomato- or alfredo-based sauce in the form of pizza pies, ordered in whole or by the slice;

WHEREAS, Americans consume \$700 million worth of retail pies each year;

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WHEREAS, Americans furthermore spend \$38 billion on pizza pies each year.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Pie Day Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby recognizes the advancement of culinary arts in the District of Columbia through confections and pastries in the form of pies.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.