
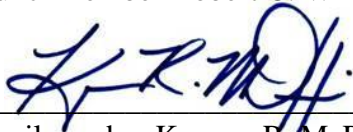



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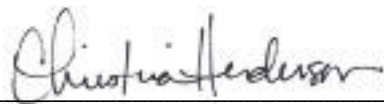
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30 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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32 To recognize and honor the LGBTQ+ communities of the District of Columbia, to express the
33 commitment of the District of Columbia Government to supporting and protecting
34 LGBTQ+ people, to condemn anti-LGBTQ+ legislation and other acts of prejudice, to
35 commemorate Capital Pride 2024, and to celebrate the Capital Pride Alliance for
36 organizing this annual event.

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38 WHEREAS, the theme for Capital Pride 2024 is “Totally Radical,” which will celebrate
39 the remarkable passion, activism, inclusion, and diversity within the LGBTQ+ communities in
40 the District of Columbia;

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42 WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in the District of Columbia have spent many decades
43 organizing, advocating for their rights and needs, building enduring communities, and
44 challenging themselves and each other to pursue equity and inclusivity in many forms;

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46 WHEREAS, the vision and perseverance of LGBTQ+ people in the District of Columbia
47 has generated important political breakthroughs in local governance, such as the prohibition of
48 discrimination based on gender identity or expression beginning in 2005;

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50 WHEREAS, the contributions of LGBTQ+ people in the District of Columbia have
51 repeatedly generated meaningful progress in movements for LGBTQ+ people nationwide;

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53 WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people and communities continue to face violence, oppression,
54 and erasure in the District of Columbia on the basis of their genders and sexualities, especially
55 where they intersect with other marginalized identities;

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57 WHEREAS, demagogues and political opportunists across the United States have
58 intensified their efforts to harm LGBTQ+ people and eradicate LGBTQ+ communities, including
59 by prohibiting inclusive and age-appropriate education on gender, sexuality, history, and the arts;
60 by denying people access to gender-inclusive healthcare; by imposing degrading and unscientific
61 sex stereotypes on youth in sports and on public accommodations; and by recklessly propagating
62 shameful, dehumanizing, and fascistic falsehoods against LGBTQ+ people;

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64 WHEREAS, in the face of these unconscionable threats, the need for both dogged public
65 manifestations of LGBTQ visibility and year-round political action remains as urgent as ever;

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67 WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Festival will provide a full week of cultural, political,
68 social, religious, athletic, and community service events from May 31st through June 9, 2024,
69 which will offer an eclectic experience for all in attendance and will culminate in the Annual
70 Capital Pride Parade on June 8th;

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72 WHEREAS, Iya Dammons, the Founding Executive Director of DC Safe Haven and
73 Maryland Safe Haven will be honored with the the “Breaking Barriers” Award, and Volunteer
74 Chair, Bryan Davis and dedicated volunteer, William Hawkins will be honored with the “The
75 Bill Miles Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service” Award at this year’s Capital Pride Honors
76 for their work on behalf of Capital Pride and the larger LGBTQ+ community;

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78 WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ communities of the District of Colombia have been a strong
79 and positive force in the city and encompasses people of every race, age, and religion and from
80 every walk of life, as well as individuals who significantly contribute to the political, social, and
81 cultural life of our LGBTQ+ community; and

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83 WHEREAS, this annual event reflects the hard work and dedication of the Capital
84 Alliance Board of Directors and Production Team; event sponsors Amazon, Darcars, Hot 99.5,
85 MGM National Harbor, Marriott Bonvoy, Nissan, Kaiser Permanente, Pepco, HOT 99.5 FM,
86 Capitol One, Washington Blade, Whitman-Walker Health, Monumental Sports, and others; and
87 hundreds of volunteers from across the Washington Metropolitan area who make this legendary
88 festival a success every year.
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90 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
91 resolution may be cited as the “49th Annual Capital Pride Festival Recognition Resolution of
92 2024.”
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94 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Capital Pride
95 Alliance and all who contribute to the success of Capital Pride 2024.
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97 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
98 the District of Columbia Register.