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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2025

To recognize honoree June Crenshaw during the 2025 celebration of DC Black Pride.

WHEREAS, June Crenshaw is a longtime LGBTQIA2S+ advocate and nonprofit leader whose work has shaped youth services community organizing across Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, June Crenshaw currently serves Deputy Director of the Capital Pride Alliance and co-chair of the organizing committee for DC WorldPride 2025, a global celebration set to welcome over a million visitors;

WHEREAS, from 2015 to 2024, June Crenshaw led the Wanda Alston Foundation, expanding shelter and support services for LGBTQIA2S+ youth experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS, as a survivor of rejection and a champion of reliance, June Crenshaw's leadership is rooted in lived experience and powered by deep community engagement;

WHEREAS, June Crenshaw's legacy continues to uplift and inspire across generations;

WHEREAS, DC Black Pride is an annual event to increase awareness of and showcase pride in the diversity of the LGBTQIA+ populations in the African American community, and to support organizations that focus on health disparities, education, youth, and families;

WHEREAS, as the very first Black Pride festival in the world, DC Black Pride fostered the beginning of the Center for Black Equity (formerly known as the International Federation of Black Prides, Inc. (IFBP)) and the "Black Pride Movement";

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WHEREAS, since the birth of DC Black Pride, more than 50 other Black Pride celebrations now take place throughout the world and on 4 continents, with many using DC Black Pride as a model;

WHEREAS, May 23, 2025, through May 26, 2025, marks the 34th annual DC Black Pride celebration;

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's celebration is "BLACK PRIDE IS FREEDOM";

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, DC Black Pride has been an opportunity for the Black LGBTQIA+ community to gather and celebrate being both African American and members of LGBTQIA+ communities;

WHEREAS, DC Black Pride is the oldest and one of the largest Black Pride events in the world, drawing thousands of residents and visitors from around the globe; and

WHEREAS, DC Black Pride brings more than 500,000 people to the nation's capital from across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, South Africa, Great Britain, France, Germany, and the Netherlands and will carry that tradition this year and into the future to celebrate their shared community, raise awareness and funding for HIV/AIDS prevention, and stand against homophobia inspired by violence and bigotry.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution be cited as the "June Crenshaw Recognition Resolution of 2025".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates June Crenshaw during the 2025 celebration of DC Black Pride.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.