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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To reappoint Ms. Marie Johns to the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission Marie Johns Reappointment Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia reappoints:

Ms. Marie Johns
Warren Place, NW
Washington, DC 20016
(Ward 3)

as a nonlawyer member of the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission, established by section 434 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 796; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.34), to serve a 6-year term to end April 7, 2029.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the appointee, the chairperson of the Commission, and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Marie C. Johns

Marie C. Johns is founder and chief executive officer of PPC-Leftwich, a minority/woman-owned firm, focused on operational effectiveness and public policy consulting. A corporate leader, entrepreneur and former civil servant, Marie was nominated by President Barack Obama, and confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate, to serve as deputy administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) from 2010 until 2013. As COO, she was responsible for management of the nearly \$1 billion agency and its 2,000 employees nationwide. Her initiatives resulted in the SBA lending more than \$30 million to over 60,000 small businesses, a record in SBA lending. During her tenure, Marie chaired the President's Interagency Task Force on Veterans' Small Business Development, created the SBA's Council on Underserved Communities and developed "Start Young," an SBA/U.S. Department of Labor initiative to provide entrepreneurial training to Job Corps students.

For over 25 years, Marie held senior positions in the telecommunications industry and retired as president of Verizon-Washington. In that position, she was responsible for over 1,800 employees and nearly 800,000 customers. Under her leadership, the company developed, gained approval of and executed a regulatory plan that continues to serve as a model for the corporation.

Throughout her career, Marie has been a tireless advocate for leveraging corporate resources for greater community good and is the recipient of numerous business and civic awards. Marie has chaired several boards, including the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington DC, Leadership Greater Washington and the DC Chamber of Commerce. She also has served on the board of the Girl Scouts USA.

Marie has been named a "Leader of the Years" by the Greater Washington Board of Trade and she is a Washington Business Hall of Fame Laureate.

Marie was the founding chair of the Howard University (HU) Middle School of Mathematics and Science. Since 2014 she has served as a member of the University's Board of Trustees where she is chair of the Student Life Committee and vice-chair of the Governance Committee. She also chairs the HU School of Divinity Board of Visitors and serves as interim chair of the College of Dentistry Board of Visitors.

Marie is lead independent director and Governance Committee chair of City First Bank, created from the 2020 merger of DC's CityFirst Bank and LA's Broadway Financial Services, creating the largest Black led Minority Depository Institution (MDI) in history.

A 2013 recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (D.H.L.) from Howard University, Marie earned two degrees, a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Public Administration, from Indiana University. She is a founding member of the Indiana University Dean's Council of the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs and in 2021, she was presented IU's Distinguished Alumni Service Award. Marie also holds honorary degrees from Trinity University (Washington DC) and the University of the District of Columbia.

Marie has been married for over 50 years to Wendell L. Johns, a retired real estate finance executive and active community volunteer. They are the proud parents of Richard F. Johns, Esquire and adoring grandparents of Richard F. Johns II and Lauren Marie Johns. The family resides in Washington DC.