

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2005

To recognize the 10-year anniversary celebration of the Million Man March, and to declare October 15, 2005 as "Millions More Movement Day" in Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, 10 years ago, the Million Man March marked one of the most memorable and historic events in which African American men of all ages, socio-economic backgrounds and faiths congregated peacefully in the nation's capital to demonstrate the need to reconcile differences at home, and in society in general;

WHEREAS, many positive results occurred following the March, such as the formation of many new African American small businesses, the strengthening of African American families, an increased number of adoptions of African American children by African American families, and greater patronage of African American businesses;

WHEREAS, even with these accomplishments, 10 years later the face of poverty has been brought to the forefront of the world as several recent catastrophes illustrate that many African Americans are slipping further behind in many areas since 1995;

WHEREAS, even with our nation's larger middle class, as well as increased millionaires and billionaires, the overall condition of African Americans has worsened in many ways;

WHEREAS, unity is essential to the resolution of current negative conditions of the masses of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, many leaders have pledged to come together from throughout the nation and across the world to collectively think, plan and act for improvement of the conditions of African Americans and others around the globe, they are to be commended.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Millions More Movement Day Declaration Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares October 15, 2005 as "Millions More Movement Day" in the District of Columbia, and encourages the organizers of the Millions More Movement to ensure the inclusion, the diversity, and full participation of all people

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor one of the city's most significant historic sites, Tudor Place Historic House and Garden, on the occasion of its 200th Anniversary, and to declare October 19, 2005 as "Tudor Place Historic House and Garden Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, on June 5th of 1805 the 8 1/2 acres of land on which Tudor Place now stands was purchased by Thomas Peter and Martha Custis, wife and granddaughter of Martha Washington;

WHEREAS, the home they built, was designed by Dr. William Thornton, the architect of the first United States Capitol Building;

WHEREAS, Tudor Place remained in the family over 178 years providing an important personal vantage point on the local and national events that shaped Georgetown, our city, and the nation;

WHEREAS, Tudor Place is one of the finest surviving examples of early 19th century neoclassical residential architecture in the District of Columbia and in the country;

WHEREAS, Tudor Place's 5 1/2 acres of historic gardens provide an oasis in the middle of a vibrant historic urban neighborhood;

WHEREAS, Tudor Place Foundation, Inc., established by the last owner, Armistead Peter 3rd, is dedicated to preserving 178 years of local and national history through the preservation of the buildings, grounds and extensive archives and object collection;

WHEREAS, Tudor Place holds the largest public collection of Mount Vernon objects outside of the founding President's home, including one of three known letters from George to Martha Washington;

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WHEREAS, Tudor Place welcomes more than 1,000 District of Columbia school children through its doors each year, and has introduced innovative educational programming to bring history alive for the youth of the city; and

WHEREAS, Tudor Place, a District of Columbia Landmark and a National Historic Landmark, offers the city, its residents and visitors, an unparalleled opportunity to learn about the history of the city and nation from the perspective of the owners and the slaves and servants who worked on the site.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Tudor Place Historic House and Garden 200th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Tudor Place Historic House and Garden on the observance of its 200th anniversary and declares October 18, 2005 as "Tudor Place Historic House and Garden" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2005

To honor Juanita Jefferson for her community service on the occasion of her 70th birthday celebration in Washington, D.C. and to declare November 19, 2005 as "Juanita Jefferson Birthday Celebration Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Ms. Juanita Jefferson lives in our nation's capital, and has resided for more than 40 years in Ward 8;

WHEREAS, Ms. Juanita Jefferson is a Precinct Captain and Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner;

WHEREAS, Ms. Juanita Jefferson has served as President of the Hillsdale Community Association;

WHEREAS, Ms. Juanita Jefferson has been dedicated to community improvement and development;

WHEREAS, Ms. Juanita Jefferson has been a mentor and a surrogate mother to many people in her community, as well as surrogate grandmother to 17 children in Ward 8;

WHEREAS, Ms. Juanita Jefferson is a Parent Coordinator at Wilkinson Elementary School;

WHEREAS, Ms. Juanita Jefferson is a Goodwill Ambassador who has opened her home for short and long term stays to young people and adults from West Africa, South Africa, Haiti, the Peace Corps and from Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Juanita Jefferson celebrates her 70th birthday on November 19, 2005.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Juanita Jefferson 70th Birthday Celebration Resolution of 2005".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Juanita Jefferson on the occasion of her 70th Birthday, and declares November 19, 2005 "Juanita Jefferson Birthday Celebration Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2005

To recognize the life of Rosa Parks, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of a milestone in the Civil Rights movement, and to declare December 1, 2005, as "Rosa Parks Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, resided in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955, where Jim Crow laws enforced racist policies of segregation;

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks boarded a public bus in Montgomery, Alabama, on December 1, 1955, and sat in a section designated for white passengers only;

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks, through an act of civil disobedience, refused to give her seat to a white passenger and was subsequently arrested and placed in jail;

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks' act of resistance launched the 381-day boycott of the Montgomery, Alabama, bus line, which was led by the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.;

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks' actions mobilized activists and built momentum for the modern Civil Rights movement, and began to break down the walls of institutionalized segregation throughout the southern region of the United States and in the District of Columbia; a movement which eventually led to the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act;

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 gave meaning to the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution which guarantees equal treatment to all Americans under the law;

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks continued to work with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, published several books regarding her experiences as a civil rights leader, founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, and sponsored an annual summer program called Pathways to Freedom to provide opportunities to young people from diverse cultures;

WHEREAS, all people living today benefit from, and are indebted to, Rosa Parks and recognize December 1, 2005, as the 50th anniversary of her heroic act of resistance; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks passed away on October 24, 2005, at the age of 92.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Rosa Parks Day Declaration Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the contributions of Rosa Parks as a Civil Rights leader and mentor to countless individuals who together changed the history of the United States, and declares December 1, 2005, as "Rosa Parks Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2005

To recognize the accomplishment of D.C. United as the team pursues the 200 Major League Soccer Championship.

WHEREAS, D.C. United is the District of Columbia's Major League Soccer franchise;

WHEREAS, D.C. United is the reigning Major League Soccer champion, having won the 2004 MLS Championship Cup by defeating the Kansas City Wizards on November 11, 2004;

WHEREAS, D.C. United is ranked second in the MLS Eastern Conference, and third overall, has secured a Major League Soccer playoff berth for 2005;

WHEREAS, D.C. United played the Chicago Fire to a tie in the first leg of their Eastern Conference Title series, and will host and defeat the Chicago Fire in the final game of the Eastern Conference series on Sunday, October 30, 2005 at the RFK Stadium;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "D.C. United Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the accomplishments of D.C. United since its inaugural season in 1996, and wishes the mighty "Black and Red" every success as they continue on the path to repeat as MLS Champions in 2005.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2005

To recognize and honor Cherita Whiting for her outstanding civic involvement with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, the National and the DC Public Schools Parent and Teachers Associations and the youth of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Cherita Whiting has previously served as the President of the Parent Teachers Association ("PTA") for a public school and a public charter school and currently serves as the President of the McKinley High School PTA;

WHEREAS, Cherita Whiting serves as a National PTA Trainer and serves on the DCPTA Board;

WHEREAS, Cherita Whiting participates on many committees and panels that address issues related to the DC Public Schools:

WHEREAS, Cherita Whiting serves as the Vice Chair of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B representing Single Member District 4B08;

WHEREAS, Cherita Whiting serves as the Chair and Co-founder of the Ward Four Education Council;

WHEREAS, Cherita Whiting serves on the Lamond Riggs Civic Association and Chairs the DC Dad's Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Cherita Whiting served as the Chairperson for the D.C. City Wide Youth Summit 2005.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Cherita Whiting Recognition Resolution of 2005".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Cherita Whiting for the valuable contribution she has made to the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2005

To honor the work of the Washington Animal Rescue League for its assistance to the Gulf Coast region in the wakes of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

WHEREAS, the Washington Animal Rescue League ("WARL") was founded in 1914 to provide care and compassion for the homeless and abused animals in Washington, D.C., while working to place them in loving adoptive homes;

WHEREAS, its Medical Center serves the pets of the DC area's low-income community and provides a free spay/neuter clinic to all DC residents regardless of income;

WHEREAS, during September 2005, WARL's Executive Director Scotlund Haisley, Director of Animal Welfare Erika Leckington, Vet Technician Chris Broughton, Kennel Supervisor Eugene Hill, and a group of dedicated volunteers made three round-trip emergency trips to New Orleans to assist with the rescue and treatment of animals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita;

WHEREAS, in New Orleans, the group joined with WARL Medical Director Dr. Gary Weitzman, who served in the Gulf Region setting up an emergency field hospital where he treated more than 1,000 animals in crisis;

WHEREAS, the WARL group rescued over 800 animals in the field, treated sick, injured and malnourished pets, and transported animals from the hurricane-affected region to the District of Columbia, where they were placed for adoption or reunited with their guardians;

WHEREAS, during the group's trips to New Orleans, people along the road into the city lined up and threw their house keys and addresses, begging that their pets be saved;

WHEREAS, the WARL field operations team traveled through the devastated city by van and by boat, kicking down front doors or climbing trees to rooftops to reach stranded animals;

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WHEREAS, every animal found by WARL's field operations team was emaciated and suffering from dehydration;

WHEREAS, the group endured physically and emotionally difficult conditions while endeavoring to ensure that as many animals as possible were saved, reunited with guardians or otherwise taken care of in a humane manner; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Animal Rescue League is a private, not-for-profit organization that operates solely on private donations and volunteer efforts.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Washington Animal Rescue League Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors the Washington Animal Rescue League's rescue team and veterinary team for working tirelessly to ease the suffering of hundreds upon hundreds of animals in the Gulf region following Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2005

To recognize and honor D.C. Central Kitchen on its role in aiding Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

WHEREAS, D.C. Central Kitchen, in spite of mounting financial pressures, stepped up to the plate and helped when some of Katrina's victims came to the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, D.C. Central Kitchen has been partnering with many committed local groups to ensure that the Katrina evacuees received three meals a day;

WHEREAS, D.C. Central Kitchen together with its many collective resources and ongoing partnerships with the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington and the Hotel Association of Washington, DC, were able to serve over 27,000 meals to the Katrina evacuees;

WHEREAS, D.C. Central Kitchen strengthens bodies as part of their programs such as Food Recycling and Meal Distribution where unused food from area foodservice businesses are reclaimed in order to feed children and adults throughout the Washington DC Metropolitan Area;

WHEREAS, D.C. Central Kitchen offers a Culinary Arts Job Training program to men and women who are receiving public assistance or who are homeless, more than 500 have graduated from the Culinary Arts Job Training Program;

WHEREAS, D.C. Central Kitchen focuses on programs such as Fresh Start Catering; another business aspect such as New Beginnings/Contract Foods; collaborations such as First Helping; projects such as The Campus Kitchens Project; a network called Kitchens In National Cooperation, which all keep D.C. Central Kitchen in tune with their mission of using food as a tool to build communities; and

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WHEREAS, D.C. Central Kitchen played a major role in feeding the Katrina evacuees.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "D.C. Central Kitchen Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors the D.C. Central Kitchen on its role in aiding Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2005

To honor Wanda Lockridge for her community service to the residents of Washington, D.C., and to declare October 28, 2005 as "Wanda Lockridge Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Ms. Wanda Lockridge has over 25 years of community organizing and outreach experience serving the people of our nation's capital;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lockridge began serving the community at age 18 when she was elected to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission in Ward 8, making her the youngest elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in the history of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lockridge is currently the Chairperson of the D.C. Democratic State Committee, and serves as the Eastern Representative for the Association of State Democratic Chairs;

WHEREAS, she has been accepted in the Georgetown University Executive Leadership Program to begin November 2005;

WHEREAS, she graduated with honors with an M.B.A. in Management from the Southeastern University in June 2003, and with a B.B.A. in Computer Information and System Science from the University of the District of Columbia in 1997;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lockridge is a member of the Resolutions Committee of the Democratic National Committee;

WHEREAS, she has served in leadership capacities in numerous local and national campaigns;

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WHEREAS, Ms. Lockridge is currently employed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and resides in Ward 8; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lockridge is a highly valuable and respected resident of Ward 8.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Wanda Lockridge Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Wanda Lockridge for her community service to the residents of Washington, D.C., and declares October 28, 2005 as "Wanda Lockridge Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2005

To honor William O. Lockridge for his community service to the residents of Ward 8 for the past 24 years in the District of Columbia, and to declare October 28, 2005 as "William Lockridge Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, William O. Lockridge lives in our nation's capital and has been a tireless worker for the citizens of the District of Columbia through his activism, advocacy and leadership for 24 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockridge serves on the District of Columbia's Board of Education, and has earned a reputation as the conscience of the Board;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockridge has fought to preserve the educational integrity of all D.C. Public School students, particularly those who live in Ward 8;

WHEREAS, he is a member of several professional organizations, including the NAACP; the Council of Urban Boards of Education; the Black Caucus of the National School Boards Association; and the National Association of Black School Educators;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockridge has served as president of the Simon elementary PTA and as a member of Wilson and Ballou Senior High Schools PTA;

WHEREAS, he obtained a B.S. degree in education from Tennessee State University, and served the community in many capacities as president for the Advisory Neighborhood Commission and the Ward 8 Democrats;

WHEREAS, he has been a member of the Democratic State Committee, Action to Rehabilitate Community Housing, Neighborhood Planning Council 20 and the 7th District Citizens Advisory Council;

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WHEREAS, Mr. Lockridge is the founder and chairman of the Washington Metropolitan Minority Contractors Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockridge is the immediate past vice-president and current District Four representative on the D.C. Board of Education.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "William O. Lockridge Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes William O. Lockridge for his 24 years of community service to the residents of Ward 8, and declares October 28, 2005 as "William O. Lockridge Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2005

To honor Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, a civil rights activist who dedicated her life to uplifting people everywhere.

WHEREAS, Dr. C. DeLores Tucker was one of the most prominent civil rights and Democratic Party activists in the past 40 years;

WHEREAS, Dr. C. DeLores Tucker was the first African American woman in the United States to serve as Secretary of State;

WHEREAS, Dr. Tucker was convening founder of the National Political Congress of Black Women, now known as the National Congress of Black Women;

WHEREAS, Dr. Tucker marched with Dr. Martin Luther King from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama;

WHEREAS, Dr. Tucker instituted the first Commission on the Status of Women in Pennsylvania and was responsible for the Governor's appointment of more women and Blacks to boards, commissions and judgeships than in the entire history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Dr. Tucker launched the historical publication, *Vital Issues: A Journal of African American Speeches* to insure the preservation of historical legacies of Black people;

WHEREAS, Dr. Tucker has received over 400 awards and honors, among them the Trumpet Award, being featured in the inaugural issue of *George Magazine*, and *People Magazine's* one of "25 Most Intriguing People in the World";

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WHEREAS, Dr. Tucker initiated and carried out numerous programs such as "College for Kids", "College for Teens", and the SoJourney Truth Portrait;

WHEREAS, Dr. Tucker founded the Martin Luther King, Jr., Association for Non-Violent Change in 1983, the first and only Association in the United States to be commissioned by Mrs. Coretta Scott King; and

WHEREAS, Dr. C. DeLores Tucker made her transition on October 12, 2005 as a legend, an inspiration and a role model for all people.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. C. DeLores Tucker Celebration of Life Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Dr. C. DeLores Tucker for dedicating her life to uplifting people everywhere, and declares November 16, 2005, as "Dr. C. DeLores Tucker Day" in the District of Columbia.

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