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Councilmember Brandon Todd

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6 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION  
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9 COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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12 To recognize Ms. Tara Morrison, for her years of service to the National Park Service and  
13 her more recent contribution to the District of Columbia as the superintendent of  
14 Rock Creek Park.

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16 WHEREAS, Ms. Morrison assumed the role of superintendent of Rock Creek Park  
17 March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011;

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19 WHEREAS, she began her career with the National Parks Service in 1998 as a park  
20 ranger at Boston African American National Historic Site;

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22 WHEREAS, she joined the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom  
23 Program as the Northeast Region coordinator, providing advice and subject matter  
24 expertise toward the implementation of the National Underground Railroad Network to  
25 Freedom Act;

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27 WHEREAS, for the past ten years Ms. Morrison served as superintendent of  
28 African Burial Ground National Monument in lower Manhattan, a 6.6 acre site where free  
and enslaved African Americans were buried;

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30 WHEREAS, there she developed the Park's first general management plan,  
31 maintained a \$2 million dollar budget, and oversaw a \$5.2 million dollar visitor center;

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33 WHEREAS, previously, Ms. Morrison served in the Northeast Regional Office  
34 leading the African Burial Ground Assistance Project coordinating with various National  
35 Park Service offices and General Service Administration regarding the development of a  
memorial and interpretative center at the monument;

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37 WHEREAS, previously Ms. Morrison served as acting assistant superintendent at  
Gateway National Recreation Area in Sandy Hook, New Jersey; and

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39 WHEREAS, Ms. Morrison holds a Bachelor of Arts in African American studies  
40 from Northeastern University in Boston, a graduate certificate in museum management,  
and a Masters in Anthropology from the University of South Carolina;

41           RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
42 resolution may be cited as the "Ms. Tara Morrison Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of  
43 2016".

44           Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and commends Ms. Tara Morrison on her  
45 outstanding work in public service especially to African American history.

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