

**A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION**

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**IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

February 5, 2019

To recognize The Clash, a band from the United Kingdom, for its notable and important contributions to music, and to proclaim February 7, 2019, as “International Clash Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, legendary United Kingdom band The Clash formed in 1976, establishing its unique sound combining punk with reggae, dub, funk, and ska, behind socially conscious lyrics;

WHEREAS, throughout its career, The Clash used the power of music to share messages of peace, unity, anti-imperialism, anti-racism, poverty awareness, and freedom of expression;

WHEREAS, The Clash chose to play The Ontario Theatre in Washington, D.C. on February 15, 1979, as the 6th show of its very first North American tour, and returned to The Lisner Auditorium on April 8, 1984, further endearing the band to a legion of fans that would go on to proclaim them “the only band that matters;”

WHEREAS, The Clash inspired socially conscious bands such as Bad Brains to form in order to advocate for disadvantaged people in their city;

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia affirms that this city is a Hate Free Zone, committed to a set of values including inclusivity, tolerance, diversity, and hope;

WHEREAS, the civically and globally minded District of Columbia wishes to join with other like-minded cities across the globe in celebrating International Clash Day; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia adheres to the belief in the immortal words of Joe Strummer: “People can change anything they want to, and that means everything in the world.”

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “International Clash Day Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes The Clash for its notable and important contributions to music and declares February 7, 2019, as “International Clash 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.