

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2019

To honor the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance on the occasion of its 48th anniversary and to recognize the distinguished individuals and organizations to which it will pay tribute at its anniversary reception.

WHEREAS, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC (“GLAA”) was founded in April 1971 to advance the cause of equal rights in the District of Columbia through peaceful participation in the political process;

WHEREAS, GLAA ranks as the oldest continuously active lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (“LGBTQ”) rights organization in the country;

WHEREAS, GLAA has long fought to improve District government services to LGBTQ people, from the police and fire departments to the Department of Health and the Office of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, GLAA played a key role in winning marriage equality in the District, working with coalition partners and District of Columbia officials to craft and implement a strategy for achieving a strong, sustainable victory;

WHEREAS, GLAA has participated in lobbying efforts to defeat undemocratic and discriminatory amendments to the District's budget;

WHEREAS, GLAA has been an advocate for a safe and affirming educational environment for sexual minority youth;

WHEREAS, GLAA has educated District voters by rating candidates for Mayor and the Council;

WHEREAS, GLAA has provided leadership in coalition efforts on a wide range of public issues, from family law to human rights, healthcare, youth, seniors, housing, and public safety;

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WHEREAS, GLAA has conducted its advocacy and vigilance for the entire history of Home Rule in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, GLAA maintains a comprehensive website of LGBTQ advocacy materials, as well as using other new media to enhance its outreach; and

WHEREAS, GLAA, at its 48th Anniversary Reception on April 18, 2019, will present its Distinguished Service Awards to individuals and organizations that have served the LGBTQ community in the District of Columbia, specifically:

- Center Global
- Compassion & Choices
- Diego Miguel Sanchez, APR.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance 48th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes GLAA on the occasion of its 48th Anniversary Reception on April 18, 2019, and thanks its members for their long record of dedicated service that has advanced the welfare not only of the LGBTQ community but of the entire population of the District of Columbia.

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