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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2019

To recognize the Kingdom of Morocco and Moroccan Americans during the annual Morocco Day celebration in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2019, the Morocco Day celebration will highlight the rich Moroccan culture and all that Moroccan Americans contribute to the social, cultural, and political life of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Morocco was the first nation to formally recognize the United States of America;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is home to approximately 5,000 Moroccan-born residents who live, work, study, and conduct business in the District;

WHEREAS, Morocco Day is an opportunity for cultural exchange and dialogue between the Kingdom of Morocco and District of Columbia residents, government officials, business leaders, and educators to learn the culture and history of Morocco and contributions from Moroccan Americans; and

WHEREAS, on Morocco Day, the Business Round Table CEO Summit will support economic, educational, and cultural exchange among business leaders and government officials to foster small business opportunities between the Kingdom of Morocco and the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Morocco Day Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Kingdom of Morocco and the Moroccan community in the District of Columbia for their many contributions to the social, economic, cultural, and political life of our city.

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