

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2019

To recognize the month of May 2019 as Teacher Appreciation Month to honor all teachers for the contributions they make to schools in the District of Columbia, and to declare May 7, 2019, as “District of Columbia Teacher Appreciation Day” and May 6 through May 10, 2019, as “Teacher Appreciation Week” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, a strong and effective school system is essential to the economic prosperity of the District of Columbia, and ensures that we continue to make social, technological, and scientific advancements;

WHEREAS, education has a limitless power to influence the District of Columbia’s future through its impact on the students of today;

WHEREAS, qualified, dedicated teachers are the foundation of a successful school system and are fundamental to the strength of our communities;

WHEREAS, teachers mold future citizens through guidance and education;

WHEREAS, teachers provide opportunities for students to develop basic skills for success in life and work, connect with the world around them, and experience the realization of high expectations and the fulfillment of steps toward achievable goals;

WHEREAS, teachers inspire students to think strategically and to integrate experience and knowledge to form reasoned judgments;

WHEREAS, teachers are more than just instructional leaders – they also are role models, mentors, motivators, listeners, encouragers, caregivers, and coaches who significantly impact the lives of children;

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WHEREAS, the District of Columbia's future depends upon providing quality education to all students;

WHEREAS, District of Columbia teachers are entrusted with helping our students reach their full academic potential and exhibit an unwavering devotion to student success;

WHEREAS, success in the District of Columbia begins in the classroom, and our teachers are the people who inspire students every day and instill a lifelong love for learning;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia recognizes and supports its teachers in educating the children of its communities;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia reaffirms its commitment to investing in our teachers and our students; and

WHEREAS, Teacher Appreciation Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Teacher Appreciation Month are opportunities for Washingtonians to join with the teachers around the country in the critical role of shaping our children and the future of the District of Columbia.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors its teachers for educating the children of the District of Columbia, recognizes May as Teacher Appreciation Month, acknowledges the vital role that teachers play in preparing our children for the future, and declares May 7, 2019, as "District of Columbia Teacher Appreciation Day" and May 6 through May 10, 2019, as "Teacher Appreciation Week" 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.