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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2019

To recognize and honor the importance of jazz music and to declare April 2019 as “Jazz Appreciation Month” and April 30, 2019, as “International Jazz Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, jazz music originated within African-American communities during the late 19th and early 20th centuries;

WHEREAS, jazz music has produced some of America’s most-innovative artistry;

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C. is rich with jazz history;

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C. is the birthplace of the great jazz pianist and bandleader Duke Ellington, singer and pianist Shirley Horn, pianist Billy Taylor, and saxophonist Frank West;

WHEREAS, the first woman of jazz, Ella Fitzgerald extended the boundaries of American popular music throughout her career, which allowed her to open doors for many African American performers who followed her;

WHEREAS, Ella Fitzgerald is credited with gaining countless new fans for jazz music with her performances and recordings from the 1930s and 1940s;

WHEREAS, Jazz Appreciation Month brings together schools, artists, historians, scholars, and jazz enthusiasts all over the world to celebrate and learn about jazz and its roots and future;

WHEREAS, International Jazz Day and Jazz Appreciation Month both celebrate jazz music and its influence on the people and cultures around the world;

WHEREAS, April 30, 2019, is the 7th annual International Jazz Day; and

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WHEREAS, on April 30, 2019, Washington, D.C. will join with cities, towns, and villages around the world in celebrating International Jazz Day with thousands of performances and programs.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the importance of jazz music and declares April 2019 as “Jazz Appreciation Month” and April 30, 2019, as “International Jazz 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.