

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 7, 2019

To acknowledge and honor the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute and for offering the youth of the District of Columbia an extensive training that encompasses self-discovery, team building, career exploration opportunities, civic engagement and leadership development.

WHEREAS, the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute was originally launched in 1979 by former Mayor Marion Barry as the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute to provide the youth of the District of Columbia with the necessary tools to succeed and impact the future;

WHEREAS, the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute is a four-level, year-round leadership training and development program for young people in the District of Columbia, ages 14 to 19;

WHEREAS, the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute utilizes a training model that emphasizes practical hands-on experience and a holistic approach to developing leaders of the 21<sup>st</sup> century;

WHEREAS, the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute includes a focus on four priority areas including personal growth and development skills; community development; college exploration and preparation; and life skills and career exploration;

WHEREAS, the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute places youth leaders in internships across the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute provides youth leaders with a leadership platform through the coordination of the DC Youth Government, including Youth Mayors and Youth City Councilmembers;

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WHEREAS, the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute Youth Government has been the vanguard for youth activism and engagement and has been the forefront of major decisions affecting youth including education, gun violence, employment, advocacy and drug prevention;

WHEREAS, the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute provides global exposure and international affairs through the global education component;

WHEREAS, the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute includes a summer training for six weeks on a local college campus to expose youth to the collegiate experience; and

WHEREAS, Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute participants are called upon to represent the youth of the District of Columbia at events throughout the city, the country, and the world.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute.

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