

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 7, 2019

To recognize and commemorate the 20th anniversary of WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease as the leading advocacy organization for 48 million women in America living with or at-risk of heart disease and their work educating women about heart health.

WHEREAS, WomenHeart was founded in 1999 by three women, Nancy Loving, Jackie Markham, and Judy Mingram, after they each suffered heart attacks in their 40s and faced obstacles following their diagnoses;

WHEREAS, these women connected to form a small support group to share their common experience;

WHEREAS, through their connection, they decided that more should be done to support women living with heart disease and more information was needed to raise awareness of the risk of heart disease among women;

WHEREAS, WomenHeart is celebrating its 20th anniversary as the first and only national patient-centered organization to focus exclusively on women's heart diseases;

WHEREAS, WomenHeart has grown into a national network of patient support groups across the country with 100 groups in more than 30 states;

WHEREAS, WomenHeart Champions, women with heart disease who are trained messengers and the "boots on the ground" in the fight against heart disease, share their stories and bring the message to women to take charge of their heart health;

WHEREAS, 2.1% of District women are living with heart disease;

WHEREAS, WomenHeart has been working for 20 years to save women's lives in the District and across the country; and

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WHEREAS, on May 20, 2019, WomenHeart will host its 19th Annual Wenger Reception and Awards Dinner to honor and recognize Congresswoman Robin Kelly, Dr. Tara Nurula, Dr. Carl J. Pepine, and Dr. Annabelle S. Volgman for their contributions to women’s heart health.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “WomenHeart Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates 20 years of WomenHeart’s efforts to support heart disease survivors and advance better outcomes for women affected by and at risk of heart disease and declares May 20, 2019 as “WomenHeart 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.