

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize December 10, 2012, as “Washington, D.C. Human Rights Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, December 10, 2012, marks the 64th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, The United Nations passed resolution A/RES/62/171 proclaiming the year commencing on December 10, 2008 the international Year of Human Rights Learning;

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C. being a ‘Human Rights City’ proclaims the year commencing on December 10, 2012 “DC Year of Human Rights Learning” to continue to promote the importance of educating our residents about human rights;

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia Public Schools has partnered with the American Friends Service Committee to create courses that teach our students about human rights values, increase their knowledge and understanding of human rights, and empower them to become educated and engaged citizens;

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C. being a Human Rights City makes it a model for communities around the world to witness practical ways the human rights framework can make every citizen a partner of sustainable change;

WHEREAS, A Human Rights City is one whose residents and local authorities, through on-going discussions and creative exchanges of ideas, come to understand that human rights, when widely known as a way of life, assist in identifying the issues and informs the actions in our DC communities, for meaningful, positive economic and social change;

WHEREAS, As a Human Rights City, Washington, D.C. was the first to lead other U.S. cities to be declared human rights cities and joined other cities around the world in working to provide leadership and advocacy to secure, protect, and promote human rights for all people;

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that
3 this resolution may be cited as the “Washington, D.C. Human Rights Day Recognition
4 Resolution of 2012.”

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6 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the year commencing
7 on December 10, 2012 as “Washington, D.C. Year of Human Rights Learning.”

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