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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To celebrate and recognize the month of August as “Public Safety and Shooting Awareness Month” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, It has become critical that we bring citywide attention to Public Safety in the District of Columbia across all Wards, and, especially East of the River, in Wards 8 and 7;

WHEREAS, Given the increase of violence in general and gun violence in particular, especially in Wards 8 and 7, it is critical that the District of Columbia take a unified and comprehensive approach to Public Safety in order to promote safe and productive communities;

WHEREAS, In 2020, shootings increased twenty-six percent;

WHEREAS, In 2020, eighty-seven percent of the total one hundred ninety-eight homicides in the city were caused by guns;

WHEREAS, In 2020, ninety-five percent of the one hundred ninety-eight homicide victims were Black;

WHEREAS, In the first month of 2021, there were 12 homicides citywide and six of those were in Ward 8;

WHEREAS, March 27 through April 3 of 2021, the Metropolitan Police Department reported 17 shootings and nine of those victims died;

33 WHEREAS, On June 6, 2021, five people were shot with 20 minutes;

34 WHEREAS, In a period of less than 24 hours between the evening of July 2nd and the early
35 morning of 3rd 2021, there were 4 shootings;

36 WHEREAS, February 2021, District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser declared gun
37 violence a public health crisis;

38 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
39 resolution be cited as the “Public Safety Awareness Month Ceremonial Recognition Resolution
40 of 2021”.

41 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and celebrates Public Safety Awareness Month in the
42 District of Columbia to bring attention to violence in the city, to encourage and support initiatives
43 to combat violence in general and gun violence in particular.

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

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