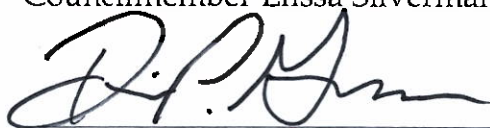



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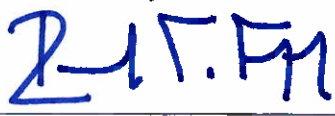

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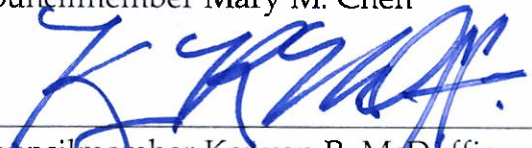

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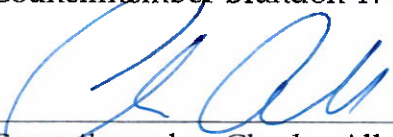

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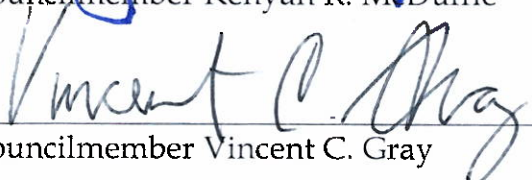

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor Kojo Nnamdi for 20 years as host of the nationally recognized radio broadcast program, *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*, as well as recognize his service to the Washington metropolitan area and his leadership within the broadcast journalism community.

WHEREAS, Kojo emigrated to the United States in 1969 to explore the United States' growing civil rights movement, first living in Brooklyn, New York, before settling in Washington, D.C. and laying roots in local broadcast journalism circles;

43 WHEREAS, Kojo first started his professional career in broadcast journalism in
44 1973 as news editor and then news director of *The Daily Drum* at WHUR-FM, where he
45 worked from 1973 to 1985;

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47 WHEREAS, Kojo went on to contribute to other newsrooms in the Washington,
48 D.C. area, including as host of Howard University's public affairs television program
49 *Evening Exchange* on WHUT-TV from 1985 to 2011;

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51 WHEREAS, in 1998, Kojo joined WAMU-FM as host of their *Public Interest*
52 program, which later changed its name to *The Kojo Nnamdi Show* in September 2002;

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54 WHEREAS, now nationally recognized and celebrated, *The Kojo Nnamdi Show* has
55 won numerous awards, including multiple Public Radio News Directors Incorporated
56 and Associated Press honors, as well as the National Association of Black Broadcasters
57 Salute to Excellence Award;

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59 WHEREAS, Kojo's vision for quality public programming remains at the heart of
60 *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*, bringing listeners unmatched authenticity, depth, sensitivity, and
61 familiarity with important issues in the Washington metropolitan area;

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63 WHEREAS, Kojo has taken listeners on both intellectual and emotional journeys
64 around the rapidly evolving Washington region and re-centered critical conversations
65 about society, community, race, housing, education, politics, the arts, and more for 20
66 years;

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68 WHEREAS, in celebration of his regional leadership, people-centered dialogue,
69 and efforts to engender trust among guests and listeners alike, Kojo was honored as a
70 civil rights hero by the National Council for Community Justice in 2001 and selected as
71 the Library of Congress's African American History Month keynote speaker in 2003;

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73 WHEREAS, a longtime District resident, Kojo has also be recognized for his local
74 contributions as a 2005 "Washingtonian of the Year" by *Washingtonian* magazine, one of
75 the 2007 "DC's Most Influential People" by *DCist*, a 2014 inductee into the Society of
76 Professional Journalists' D.C. Chapter Hall of Fame, and a 2018 inductee into the D.C.
77 Hall of Fame Society;

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79 WHEREAS, in addition to his leadership as a public radio host, Kojo served
80 on the board of the Library of Congress American Folklife Center from 2003 to 2008 and
81 has served as Board Chair of the Public Access Corporation of Washington, D.C., for the
82 past 25 years.

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84 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF
85 COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Kojo Nnamdi 20th Anniversary
86 Recognition Resolution of 2019”.
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88 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes Kojo Nnamdi for 20 years of exceptional
89 leadership as host of *The Kojo Nnamdi Show* and his unwavering commitment to
90 fostering thoughtful dialogue, elevating community voices, and bringing a global
91 perspective to critical, emerging issues throughout Washington, D.C., and its
92 surrounding communities.
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94 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of
95 publication in the District of Columbia Register.