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6 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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17 To acknowledge and honor the 40th Anniversary of the Marion S. Barry Summer Youth
18 Employment Program (MBSYEP) for offering youth of the District of Columbia
19 professional development skills, career exploration, and paid work experience each
20 summer.
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22 WHEREAS, the Summer Youth Employment Program was launched in 1979 by former
23 Mayor Marion S. Barry;
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25 WHEREAS, the MBSYEP provides over 10,000 youth ages 14 to 24 with jobs each
26 summer at locations across the District;
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28 WHEREAS, the MBSYEP has been a foundational part of thousands of youth's personal
29 and professional growth experiences over the course of forty years;
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31 WHEREAS, MBSYEP, at its inception, offered significant employment opportunities to
32 youth from Wards 7 and 8, a majority of whom came from economically and socially
33 disadvantaged neighborhoods with scarce job opportunities;
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35 WHEREAS, the MBSYEP's primary goal is to introduce District youth to employers
36 who will positively impact their futures by providing constructive experiences;
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38 WHEREAS, the MBSYEP's purpose is to provide youth with transferable work-related
39 experiences that can prepare them for success in employment regardless of educational,
40 financial, or social circumstances;
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42 WHEREAS, the MBSYEP's goals are to teach workplace norms and culture and to help
43 youth develop skills in social engagement, communication, critical thinking, decision making,
44 problem solving, and self-management to build self-confidence and self-awareness;
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46 WHEREAS, the MBSYEP allows youth to gain exposure to a myriad of industries;

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48 WHEREAS, the MBSYEP offers real-life work skills for District youth;

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50 WHEREAS, the MBSYEP participants have received over \$300,000 in scholarships to
51 post-secondary institutions and military programs;

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53 WHEREAS, the MBSYEP offers youth an opportunity to become global citizens through
54 a myriad of programs that focus on international affairs;

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56 WHEREAS, the MBSYEP has been the launching pad for thousands of youth who were
57 directly hired by their MBSYEP placement;

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59 WHEREAS, on January 14, 2015, the Summer Youth Employment Program was
60 renamed the Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program in honor of former Mayor
61 and founder, Marion S. Barry;

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63 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
64 resolution may be cited as the “Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program 40th
65 Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

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67 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes the 40th Anniversary of the Marion S. Barry Summer
68 Youth Employment Program.

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

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