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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1 To honor and recognize the National African American Male Wellness Initiative for their
2 effort to raise awareness for preventable health diseases.

3 WHEREAS; The National African American Male Wellness Initiative (AAWALK) was
4 established in 2004 to promote the process for men to understand that through prevention a
5 person can live longer;

6 WHEREAS; black men live 7.1 years less than other racial groups, and 40% of black
7 men die prematurely from cardiovascular disease as compared to 21% of white men;

8 WHEREAS; the driving inspiration for AAWALK mission is because African American
9 men are dying from preventable diseases at 10 times the rate of other men;

10 WHEREAS; AAWALK has provided thousands of free health screenings in other states
11 for 16 years, and increased community participation to over 50,000 nationally to impact the
12 health challenges facing African American men;

13 WHEREAS; AAWALK has expanded its efforts to raise awareness for preventable
14 health diseases for African American men to the District of Columbia and will have the
15 inaugural walk on September 21, 2019 in Ward 8 at Anacostia Park;

16 WHEREAS; AAWALK has partner with the DC community and has named the
17 Honorary Chair for the walk as Commissioner Franklyn M. Malone and The Backyard Band will
18 provide a live performance; and

19 WHEREAS; the walk/run is free for all and health screening will be provided to men.

20 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
21 resolution may be cited as the “The National African American Male Wellness Initiative
22 Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

23 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the National African
24 American Male Wellness Initiative effort to increase awareness for preventable health diseases
25 for African American men in the District of Columbia.

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