

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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1 To recognize and celebrate, Thelma D. Jones, an award-winning community activist, breast  
2 cancer survivor, advocate, founder and board chair of the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer  
3 Fund.

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5 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was born and raised in Snow Hill, North Carolina as a  
6 sharecropper's daughter;

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is a graduate of Durham College in Durham, North Carolina with  
8 an Associate's degree in Applied Science;

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is a graduate of Georgetown University Nonprofit Management  
10 Executive Certificate program, George Washington University DC Neighborhood College and  
11 Leadership of Greater Washington;

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was one of the principal founders of the World Bank's  
13 institutional outreach program where she served as a community outreach coordinator;

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has served on the board of Southwest Neighborhood Assembly  
15 where she holds several leadership positions including contributing writer for The Southwester;

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is a long-time member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church  
17 where she serves as a lay reader, member of the Altar Guild, and a member of the executive  
18 team;

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones retired from the World Bank Group after a career lasting more  
20 than 33 years;

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was diagnosed with a rare and aggressing form of breast cancer  
22 (HER2+) and underwent an aggressive treatment regimen including chemotherapy, a  
23 lumpectomy surgery and radiation;

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is a seasoned volunteer and speaker both locally and nationally  
25 with the American Cancer Society and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network;

26 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones lobbied both national and local public officials for funding of  
27 tobacco control and cancer research as the DC State Lead Ambassador for American Cancer  
28 Society Cancer Action Network;

29 WHEREAS, in April 2010, Ms. Jones founded the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund  
30 Support Group, the signature program of the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund in Southwest  
31 DC;

32 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones Ms. Jones’s support group focuses primarily on the historically  
33 less served communities contributing significantly to provide a safe and secure place for  
34 emotional support for breast cancer survivors and caretakers to discuss and share their journeys  
35 as well as gain access to knowledge and research;

36 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has been recognized for her long-time civic activism through  
37 numerous awards and recognitions including the Mayor’s Award for Community service in the  
38 Category of Lifetime Achievement, and the White House Champion of Change Award;

39 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was recognized in September of 2016 by the American Cancer  
40 Society Cancer Action Network with the 2016 State Lead Ambassador of the Year Award;

41 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones became a Master Trainer through the Department of Health to  
42 teach Chronic Diseases and Cancer Thriving and Surviving workshops;

43 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has one son, Jamal, one grandson Seneca, and Ozzie her eleven-  
44 year old Shih Tzu;

45 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
46 resolution may be cited as the “Thelma D. Jones Ceremonial Resolution of 2019.”

47 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Thelma D. Jones for her  
48 commitment to youth, breast cancer advocacy, and community activism.

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