Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announces a Public Hearing on Bill 23-0547, the “Native American Birth Recognition Amendment Act of 2019.” The hearing will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

Bill 23-0547, the “Native American Birth Recognition Amendment Act of 2019”, would allow birth certificate recognition of Native American tribal enrollment. It allows an individual to request a replacement birth certificate that includes recognition of Native American tribal enrollment.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Malcolm Cameron, Committee Legislative Analyst at (202) 654-6179 or mcameron@dccouncil.us, and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization, by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2020. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. The Committee allows individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to mcameron@dccouncil.us or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 113, Washington D.C. 20004.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee on Health of the need as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, January 20, 2020. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received after this date may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.