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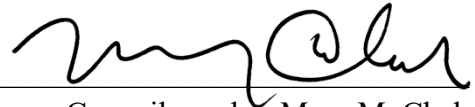
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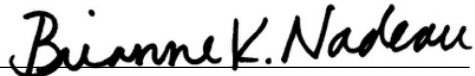
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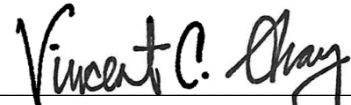
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Councilmember Vincent C. Gray



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22 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

27 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

31 To celebrate and recognize the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, affirming the United  
32 States' commitment to fair and equal access to housing, and to recognize April as Fair  
33 Housing Month.

34 WHEREAS, on April 11, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act  
35 into law in the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.;

36 WHEREAS, the fight for fair housing was a central piece of the civil rights movement as  
37 African Americans experienced discrimination in housing throughout the United States;

38 WHEREAS, prior to the Fair Housing Act, housing segregation was reenforced by federal  
39 and local governments through segregated public housing, enforcing racial covenants, choosing to  
40 support home ownership in white communities, and zoning restrictions;

41 WHEREAS, these practices excluded African Americans from housing stability and  
42 economic mobility, and continue to have the effect of segregated and neglected communities of  
43 color and low homeownership rates for African Americans;

44 WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act guarantees equal housing opportunities for all people  
45 and makes it illegal to refuse to sell or rent a home, refuse to finance, deny or limit services, or  
46 impose different terms and conditions based on race, color, national origin, gender, religion, family  
47 status, or disability;

48 WHEREAS, in the District of Columbia, the Office of Human Rights works with the US  
49 Department of Housing and Urban Development to investigate complaints of housing  
50 discrimination;

51 WHEREAS, the Office of Human Rights enforces the DC Human Rights Act, one of the  
52 most progressive non-discrimination laws in the country, which prohibits discrimination in  
53 housing, employment, public accommodations, and educational institutions for 21 protected traits;

54 WHEREAS, housing discrimination continues today and can take many forms, including  
55 a landlord who refuses to make reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability, source  
56 of income discrimination that limits a family's housing options, or a realtor who steers a Black  
57 family toward homes only in certain neighborhoods;

58 WHEREAS, access to housing remains unequal, and the United States and the District still  
59 have work to do to eliminate discrimination and fully implement the Fair Housing Act to further  
60 fair housing;

61 WHEREAS, April is recognized as Fair Housing Month, providing an opportunity to  
62 commemorate the Fair Housing Act, educate the public about their rights and responsibilities under  
63 the Act, and continue to fight for desegregation and the promise of fair housing for all.

64 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
65 resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Fair Housing Month Recognition Resolution  
66 of 2021".

67 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the Fair Housing Act and  
68 recognizes the work that remains to ensure equal access to fair housing.

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