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23 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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27 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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31 To celebrate the annual 17th Street High Heel Race, a unique and beloved LGBTQ+ tradition in  
32 the District of Columbia.

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34 WHEREAS, on October 31, 1986, a group of twenty-five drag performers and  
35 enthusiasts held an informal contest that involved running from JR’s Bar down 17th Street,  
36 N.W., to Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse, upstairs to the bar for a shot of schnapps, and back;

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38 WHEREAS, Clinton Winter’s victory was rewarded with a bottle of champagne and  
39 immortality as the first ever winner of the annual 17th Street High Heel Race;

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41 WHEREAS, the 17th Street High Heel Race has become an annual tradition showcasing  
42 the beauty, creativity, sociopolitical sensibilities, and, in some cases, speed of members of the  
43 District’s vibrant lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other sexual- and gender-  
44 minority (LGBTQ+) communities;

46 WHEREAS, the 17th Street High Heel Race brings together grateful and adoring  
47 spectators of all genders and sexualities each Halloween week;

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49 WHEREAS, in 2018, the District of Columbia Office of LGBTQ Affairs assumed  
50 responsibility for organizing the 17th Street High Heel Race;

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52 WHEREAS, in 2020, the Office was compelled to suspend the race to help slow the  
53 spread of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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55 WHEREAS, on October 26, 2021, professional and amateur drag artists of the District of  
56 Columbia will make their resplendent return to 17th Street, N.W., for the annual race.

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58 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
59 resolution may be cited as the “17th Street High Heel Race Recognition Resolution of 2021”.

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61 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the return of the 17th Street  
62 High Heel Race, a beloved D.C. tradition; thanks and congratulates the organizers; and wishes  
63 each of the participants a speedy, elegant, campy, thought-provoking, or otherwise gratifying  
64 race.

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