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Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize, honor, and celebrate Alicia Horton’s leadership and guidance as the Executive Director of Thrive DC and exemplary service and contribution to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Alicia Horton is a non-profit veteran having worked in the sector for over 30 years;

WHEREAS, in 2008 Ms. Horton became the Executive Director at Thrive DC, a “one stop shop” for people in need, and served with compassion and distinction in that role for 14 years;

WHEREAS, Ms. Horton, immediately upon taking her role as Executive Director, she oversaw the transition from its longtime home in downtown DC as the Dinner Program for Homeless Women to Columbia Heights under its new name of Thrive DC;

WHEREAS, within the first few years of her tenure, three other homeless services agencies in the neighborhood closed down, Thrive DC became the only place in Ward 1 for comprehensive services; and in response Ms. Horton led Thrive DC by expanding low barrier services including meals, showers, laundry, job training, and substance abuse counseling, and

32 making it a place known for welcoming people without judgement and offering support with  
33 dignity, caring, and compassion;

34 WHEREAS, under Ms. Horton’s tenure, Thrive DC has distributed over 3.38 million  
35 pounds of food to people in need;

36 WHEREAS, Ms. Horton saw the expansion of Thrive DC into new critically needed  
37 services: dedicated substance abuse counseling in Spanish and English, victim services, and  
38 formal programming for returning citizens; and in 2022, Thrive DC began providing housing for  
39 the first time, opening up a transitional home for men after incarceration;

40 WHEREAS, in 2018, Ms. Horton was appointed to the Interagency Council on  
41 Homelessness; was a founding member of the DC Reentry Action Network, sitting on their  
42 Leadership Council and serving as the Policy Chair up to the present moment; was an active  
43 member of the Victims Action Network; and in 2019 she joined the Public Health Integrated  
44 Advisory Committee, a multi-sector, interdisciplinary body that seeks to implement both the DC  
45 Healthy People 2020 state health improvement planning process and the Preventive Health and  
46 Health Services Block Grant;

47 WHEREAS, Ms. Horton previously served as Director of Community Mobilization and  
48 National Constituencies for the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence; and as Executive  
49 Director of HEER US, a Health Education organization she founded in New Orleans;

50 WHEREAS, for 6 years, Ms. Horton served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the  
51 national nonprofit, Teaching for Change; has served as an active member of the Howard  
52 University Medical Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects for the last 20 years;  
53 and joined the Advarra Institutional review Board in 2022;

54           WHEREAS, Ms. Horton has received several honors and awards throughout her  
55 academic and professional career including the 2016 Top 40 Non-profit Innovators award, the  
56 2013 Washington Wizards Black History Month Community Spotlight Honoree, the District of  
57 Columbia Chief of Police Special Award for Community Service and the Catholic University’s  
58 Columbus School of Law “Extra Mile Award” based on significant contributions to the  
59 Columbus School of Law and the community;

60           WHEREAS, Ms. Horton holds a Juris Doctor degree with a specialty in Public Policy  
61 from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America, a Master’s in Public  
62 Health degree from the School of Public Health at Tulane University, and a Bachelor of Science  
63 degree in Microbiology from Howard University; and

64           RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
65 resolution may be cited as the “Alicia Horton Ceremonial Resolution of 2022.”

66           Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates Alicia Horton  
67 and her service to Thrive DC and the District of Columbia.

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