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Councilmember Mary M. Cheh

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To reaffirm December 10 as "Washington, D.C. Human Rights Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, December 10, 2016 marks the 68th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, On this day, citizens of the nation's capital, led by individuals and organizations, reaffirm their commitment to human rights by recognizing the decision to make Washington, D.C. a Human Rights City;

WHEREAS, A Human Rights City is one whose residents and local authorities, through on-going discussions and creative exchanges of ideas, come to understand that human rights, when widely known as a way of life, assists in identifying the issues and informs the actions in our D.C. communities, for meaningful, positive economic and social change;

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C. will be reaffirmed as the first Human Rights City in the United States;

WHEREAS, As a Human Rights City, Washington, D.C. joined other human rights cities around the world where inhabitants have undertaken ongoing learning and claiming their human rights, bringing forth a viable vision and mission for the 21st Century;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the "Washington, D.C. Human Rights Day Reaffirmation Resolution of 2016."

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and reaffirms its decision to mark December 10, 2008 as "Washington, D.C. Human Rights Day" and its commitment to reaffirm Washington, D.C. as a Human Rights City.