



Councilmember LaRuby May

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To posthumously honor the life of Dr. Frances Cress Welsing for her remarkable commitment and service to the residents of District of Columbia and to all African-American residents in the nation, and to declare January 2, 2016 – as “Dr. Frances Cress Welsing Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing of Chicago, Illinois was born to Henry N. Cress, a physician and Ida Mae Griffen, a teacher on March 18, 1935, and passed away on January 2, 2016;

WHEREAS, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing attended Antioch College and graduated with her bachelor’s in 1957 and her doctorate in psychiatry at Howard University in 1962;

WHEREAS, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing worked as the Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Howard University College of Medicine;

WHEREAS, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing worked for more than 25 years as a Staff Physician for the Department of Human Services in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing served as the Clinical Director for two schools that served emotionally troubled children;

WHEREAS, Dr. Welsing became famous for her work the *Cress Theory of Color-Confrontation* in 1974 and *The Isis Papers: The Keys to the Colors* in 1991;

35           WHEREAS, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing’s works examined White supremacy and  
36 revealed the psychological nuisances of discrimination and racism;

37           WHEREAS, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing’s brilliant works sparked the need conversations  
38 around racial inequality in America;

39           WHEREAS, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing is a member of the National Medical  
40 Association, American Medical Association, and American Psychiatric Association;

41           RESOLVED NY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
42 resolution may be cited as the “Dr. Frances Cress Welsing Posthumous Ceremonial  
43 Recognition Resolution of 2016”.

44           Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates, the  
45 life of Dr. Frances Cress Welsing, for her distinguished service and extensive contributions  
46 to the field of psychiatry and all District of Columbia, and declares January 2, 2016 – as “Dr.  
47 Frances Cress Welsing Day” in the District of Columbia.

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