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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor DC SCORES on its 20th year of providing extraordinary service to students in Ward 4 schools.

WHEREAS, in 1994, DC SCORES was founded in a public school in Washington, D.C. by Julie Kennedy, a DCPS teacher who believed that teamwork and leadership inspired students to act as agents of change in their communities;

WHEREAS, DC SCORES runs the only public soccer leagues for both elementary and middle school-aged children in the District of Columbia that combine art and service-learning with soccer;

WHEREAS, DC SCORES uses poetry to teach its students how to write creatively and perform spoken word so that by the end of the program every student has written at least five original poems and performs in the annual DC SCORES Poetry Slam;

WHEREAS, through DC SCORES, students collaborate and develop service-learning plans to address issues identified in their schools and communities, including service plans for community cleanups, awareness campaigns, and fundraisers for homeless charities;

WHEREAS, in addition to its after-school programming, DC SCORES runs a six-week nutrition and soccer program; and holds free summer camps focused on soccer and the arts;

WHEREAS, DC SCORES has received numerous awards and recognitions for its programming, including winning the "Raise DC Data Spotlight Award" for the 2015-2016 season; and being a finalist for the Mayor's Arts Awards in the "Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education" category during the 2014-2015 season.

WHEREAS, DC SCORES expanded its program to several schools throughout Washington, D.C., and currently serves 2,000 students;

37 WHEREAS, in 1999, DC SCORES expanded beyond Washington, D.C. and became
38 America SCORES; and now operates 14 programs in cities across the United States and
39 Canada, including Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, Milwaukee,
40 New York, Portland, St. Louis, Seattle, and Vancouver;

41 WHEREAS, DC SCORES has been serving the Ward 4 community since 1996; and
42 currently serves 614 students in seven schools, including: Barnard Elementary School,
43 Brightwood Education Campus, Capital City Public Charter School, LaSalle-Backus
44 Education Campus, Powell Elementary School, Raymond Education Campus, and
45 Truesdell Education Campus; and

46 WHEREAS, DC SCORES has contributed greatly to the Ward 4 community and
47 has been providing arts programming and physical instruction to students for 20 years.

48 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
49 resolution may be cited as the "DC SCORES Recognition Resolution of 2016".

50 Sec. 2. The Council honors and celebrates DC SCORES on its 20th year of providing
51 extraordinary service to students in Ward 4 schools.

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