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29 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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34 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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39 To declare the sense of the Council that 2018 be declared the Year of the Anacostia.

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41 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
42 resolution may be cited as the "Sense of the Council Declaring 2018 the Year of the Anacostia  
43 Resolution of 2017".

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45 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that:

46 (1) The Anacostia River watershed stretches across 176 square miles, and the  
47 Anacostia River runs through the heart of the eastern half of the District of Columbia.

48 (2) The Anacostia River is bordered by vital local and federal parks in Wards  
49 5, 6, 7, and 8, including Kingman and Heritage Islands, the National Arboretum,  
50 Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, Yards Park, Diamond Teague Park, Buzzard Point Park, and  
51 Anacostia Park, providing District residents unique opportunities for recreation and  
52 connection to nature in the Nation's Capital

53 (3) The Anacostia watershed is home to nearly 500 species of fish, mammals,  
54 birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates.

55 (4) Thanks in large part to policies adopted by the District government and  
56 hard work undertaken by many local private-sector partners, the water quality of the  
57 Anacostia River has improved markedly since a 2004 DC Appleseed report called the  
58 Anacostia River "one of the most polluted waterways in the nation."

59 (5) In 2018, the District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment  
60 will release its Record of Decision in the Anacostia River Sediment Project, marking the  
61 beginning of the remediation of toxic chemicals in and along the Anacostia River, in accordance  
62 with a statutory deadline created by the Council.

63 (6) D.C. Water will begin operations of the Anacostia Tunnel in 2018, which  
64 will reduce stormwater runoff to the Anacostia River by as much as 90% and improve the  
65 water quality of the river.

66 (7) August 31, 2018 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the federal law  
67 designating most of the Anacostia River waterfront as Anacostia Park.

68 (8) 2018 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service's "Summer in  
69 the Parks" program for Washington D.C., including a popular concert series in Anacostia Park,  
70 and the first year of operations under the National Park Service's Anacostia Park management  
71 plan.

72 (9) In July 2018, the Washington Nationals will host the Major League Baseball  
73 All-Star Game and related events at Nationals Park on the banks of the Anacostia.

74 (10) In 2018, the nation will celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of  
75 Frederick Douglass, the "Lion of Anacostia."

76 (11) In light of the importance of the Anacostia River and Anacostia Park to  
77 the residents of the District of Columbia, and the many events and milestones that will be  
78 celebrated along the river in 2018, the Council makes a statement on the issue.

79 Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that:

80 (1) 2018 shall be declared the Year of the Anacostia.

81 (2) The District of Columbia government should identify resources and  
82 policies that create opportunities for recreation within the Anacostia watershed, ensure  
83 sustainable development on and along the Anacostia River, and continue improvements to  
84 the water quality of the Anacostia River.

85 Sec. 4. The Chairman of the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon  
86 its adoption, to the Mayor, the District of Columbia Department of Energy and  
87 Environment, the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, and the Director  
88 of the National Park Service.

89 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of  
90 publication in the District of Columbia Register.