A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the sense of the Council that the Mayor should implement a 4-year plan that will encourage the government to consider race, equity, and social justice as fundamental principles in policy-making and that will allow everyone in the District full and equal
access to the opportunities for growth in the District.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
resolution may be cited as the “Sense of the Council on Establishing Race, Equity, and Social
Justice Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Findings:

The Council finds that:

(1) Studies indicate that discriminatory practices are present in the District against people
based on their race, class, or gender status in accessing social services relating to healthcare,
quality education, employment, quality food, and affordable housing;

(2) To lessen discriminatory practices in the District, certain principles and
organizational infrastructure must be established as an integral part of government decision
making, regardless of race, class, or gender, such as:

(A) Community and public safety that includes services such as fire,
police, emergency medical services, and code enforcement that are responsive to all residents
and ensure that everyone feels safe to live, work, and play in any neighborhood in the District;

(B) Housing for all people that is safe, affordable, and of high quality;

(C) Early childhood development programs that support nurturing relationships
and provide high-quality affordable childcare for all children;

(D) High quality education institutions that allow each student to reach their full
learning and career potential;

(E) Food systems that support local food production and provide access to
affordable, healthy, and culturally-appropriate food;

(F) Health and human services that are high quality, affordable, culturally-
appropriate, and support the optimal well-being of all people;

(G) Job training and jobs that provide all people with the knowledge and skills to compete in a diverse workforce and with the ability to earn a living wage to support themselves and families; and

(H) Transportation that provides everyone with safe, efficient, affordable, convenient, and reliable mobility options.

Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that the Mayor should implement a plan that will foster race, equity, and social justice in all of the government’s policy-making so as to increase fairness and opportunity for all people, with particular attention to those communities who have historically faced discrimination because of race, class, or gender status in accessing social services.

Sec. 4. The Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the Mayor.

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