

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 4, 2017

To recognize, honor, and congratulate Emory Beacon of Light, Inc. on its 20th anniversary in Ward 4 of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Emory Beacon of Light, Inc., an outgrowth of the ministries of the Emory United Methodist Church, was established in 1996 as a nonprofit, 501(c)3 community development organization;

WHEREAS, since its foundation, Emory Beacon of Light, Inc. has served as a change agent within the community and surrounding neighborhoods offering a variety of services that have dramatically boosted the economic and social vitality of the area;

WHEREAS, in one year alone, the organization provided 158 weekend backpacks of food to children who receive free or reduced lunches, provided technical assistance to more than 313 small businesses in Brightwood, served 54 clients in our Immigration Clinic sponsored by Justice for our Neighbors, and sponsored 23 networking events, webinars, and workshops for small businesses in Brightwood;

WHEREAS, Emory Beacon of Light, Inc., with its partner, the Community Builders, has secured city funding for a mixed-use building project known as the Beacon Center, which will provide 99 units of housing and commercial space around a new church structure for Emory Fellowship;

WHEREAS, Emory Beacon of Light, Inc. provides much-needed food assistance to District families through its food pantry, making a difference between hunger and a healthy meal for many men, women, and children;

WHEREAS, in 2015 alone, Emory Beacon of Light, Inc. served more than 13,620 individuals, which equates to over 2,724 families served through its food pantry;

WHEREAS, Emory Beacon of Light, Inc. works closely with business leaders, elected officials, and faith leaders to improve the look, cleanliness, and safety of the Ward 4 community;

WHEREAS, the Emory Beacon of Light Storefront Improvement Program has worked with area merchants to beautify and elevate the businesses in District neighborhoods; and

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WHEREAS, each year Emory Beacon of Light, Inc. sponsors a Walk-a-Thon for homeless men, women, and children who rely on the organization for its services and support throughout the year, including transitional housing.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Emory Beacon of Light, Inc. 20th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the impact of Emory Beacon of Light, Inc. and its contributions on its 20th anniversary.

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